
REFUGEES, ASYLEES, FISCAL YEAR 2000

This report will appear as chapters in the forthcoming *2000 Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service*. All references to Appendixes, Charts, Tables, and other sections of the *Statistical Yearbook*, as well as detailed table numbers, appear as they will in the final *Yearbook* edition.

II. REFUGEES

This section presents information on persons who are admitted to the United States because of persecution abroad, including the number and characteristics of persons applying, approved, arriving, and adjusting to lawful permanent resident status.

A refugee is an alien outside the United States who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. (See Appendix 2, p. A.2-11.)

This definition of refugee is set forth in 101(a)(42) of the Immigration and Nationality (INA) Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980. It conforms to the international definition of refugee found in the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. In addition, the INA allows the President to designate certain nationalities who may be processed for refugee status within their homelands.

U.S. Refugee Program

The United States has resettled refugees for more than 50 years. The Displaced Persons Act of 1948 brought 400,000 Eastern Europeans to the United States. Between 1953-56, the Refugee Relief Act resulted in more than 200,000 arrivals from what were then "Iron Curtain" countries. These early programs relied on immigrant visa channels to bring refugees to the United States. Beginning with the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, however, U.S. refugee programs began to rely increasingly on the Attorney General's parole authority, culminating in the parole of several hundred thousand Indochinese following the fall of South Vietnam in 1975. It was not until the enactment of the Refugee Act of 1980 that refugees entered the United States in a statutory status.

Chart C depicts initial refugee admissions and adjustments to lawful permanent resident (LPR) status for the period 1946-2000. Under the INA, refugees may apply for LPR status one year after arrival in the United States. This graph demonstrates the time lag between initial admission and adjustment to immigrant status. At the onset of parole programs there generally were no mechanisms for adjustment to permanent status, thus creating a recurring need for special legislation. The Refugee Act of 1980 addressed this situation by including an adjustment

provision. Some refugees do not apply for adjustment for several years and some refugees never apply.

Admission ceilings

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the President, after consultation with the Congress, sets a worldwide refugee admissions ceiling. During the year, changes in the need for resettlement may require an increase in this overall limit on refugee admissions or a reallocation of the geographic or regional subceilings within the worldwide ceiling. For fiscal year 2000, the admissions subceilings were adjusted as follows:

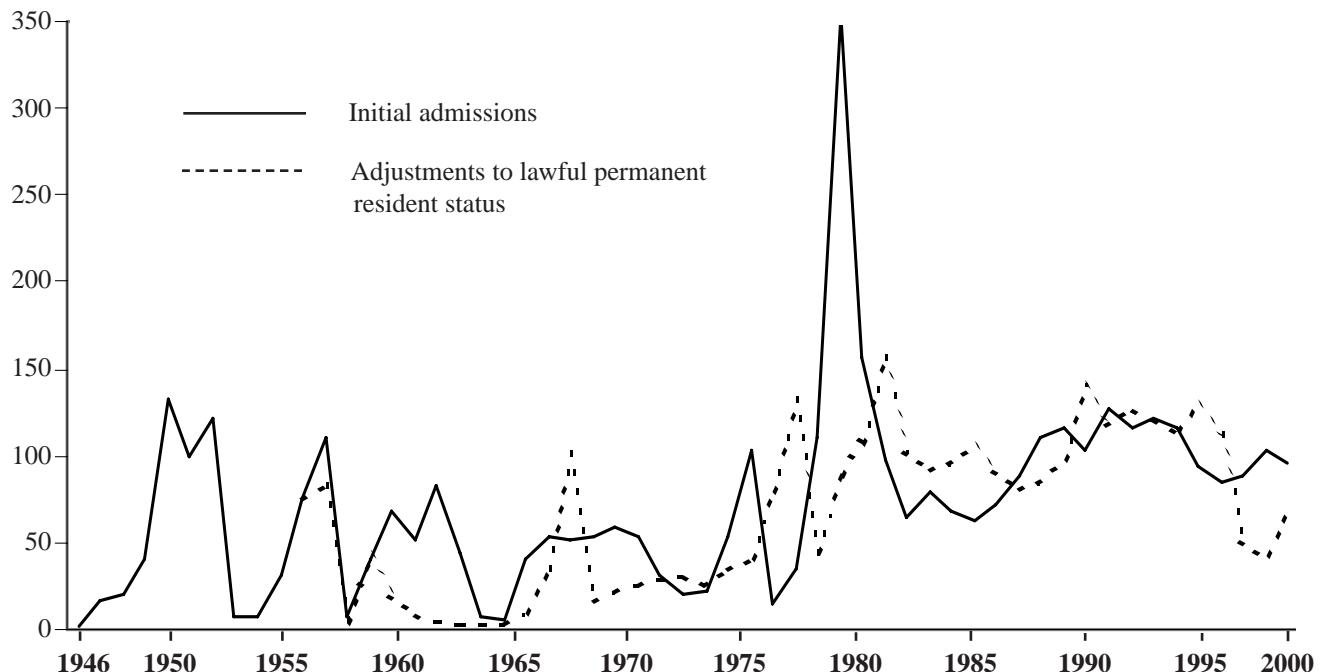
Geographic region of origin	Initial ceiling	Final ceiling
Total	90,000	90,000
Africa	18,000	18,000
East Asia	8,000	8,000
Europe	47,000	44,500
Latin America / Caribbean	3,000	3,500
Near East / South Asia	8,000	10,000
Unallocated, funded	6,000	6,000

The authorized ceiling was decreased from 91,000 in 1999 to 90,000 in 2000. An unallocated and unfunded reserve of 6,000 admissions numbers was placed in the 2000 ceiling to be used if needed and if funding to support these admissions could be found within existing Department of State and Health and Human Services appropriations.

The regional subceiling for East Asia includes certain Vietnamese Amerasians, who enter the United States with immigrant visas. Although these aliens are immigrants rather than refugees, they are included in the refugee ceiling since they are eligible for refugee benefits in the United States. Only 1,004 Amerasians, including their family members, entered the United States in 2000. They are included in the immigrant rather than the refugee

Chart C
Refugee and Asylee Initial Admissions and Adjustments to Lawful Permanent Resident Status: Fiscal Years 1946-2000

Thousands



Major refugee programs

1949-53	Displaced Persons Act	1978-84	Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Act	3/75-3/80	Indochinese refugees paroled
1954-57	Refugee Relief Act	2/70-3/80	Refugee-Parolees admitted	1980	Refugee-Parolee adjustments began
11/56-7/58	Hungarians paroled	1/59-3/80	Cubans paroled	4/80	Refugee Act admissions began
1959	Hungarian adjustments began	1967	Cuban adjustments began	1981	Refugee Act adjustments began
1966-80	Refugee conditional entrants			4/80-10/80	Mariel boatlift
				1985-87	Mariel adjustments

NOTE: For the period 1946-56, admissions to lawful permanent resident status and initial admissions were the same. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

Source: Tables 23, 24, 27, and 32.

tables in the *INS Statistical Yearbook*. The admissions under the Amerasian program are declining, since most of the eligible persons have already been identified and entered the United States.

Criteria for refugee status

During 2000, refugees were interviewed and approved for admission to the United States by officers from 15 of the Service's 39 overseas offices. To qualify for admission to the United States as a refugee, each applicant must meet all of the following criteria: be a refugee as set forth in section 101(a)(42) of the INA; be of special humanitarian concern to the United States; be admissible under the INA; and not be firmly resettled in any foreign country. Spouses and minor children of qualifying refugees derive status and

also enter the United States as refugees, either accompanying or following to join the principal refugee. Occasionally, family members arrive in the United States as nonimmigrants independently of the principal refugee's admission. In such cases, they are processed for derivative refugee status without leaving the country. This was the case with 75 people in 2000.

Special program for applicants from the former Soviet Union

Beginning in 1990, the administrative processing of refugee applicants residing in the former Soviet Union was shifted to the United States. Applicants from the former Soviet Union have been required to submit an initial questionnaire to the State Department's

Table B
Refugee-Status Applications Filed and Approved, and Refugees Admitted, by Selected Nationality: Fiscal Year 2000

Nationality	Refugee applications filed	Refugee applications approved	Refugee arrivals
All nationalities	91,854	66,546	72,143
Bosnia-Herzegovina	28,344	19,466	19,033
Soviet Union ¹	14,530	9,934	14,903
Cuba	9,079	2,845	3,184
Somalia	7,354	5,700	6,026
Iran	6,084	5,437	5,145
Sudan	4,853	4,056	3,833
Liberia	4,326	4,242	2,620
Iraq	4,152	3,155	3,158
Sierra Leone	2,659	2,275	1,128
Afghanistan	2,116	1,561	1,709
Croatia	2,061	2,663	2,995
Ethiopia	1,608	1,221	1,347
Congo, Democratic Republic	1,447	1,519	1,354
Burma	998	880	637
Togo	535	278	511
Other	1,708	1,314	4,560

¹ Includes the republics of the former Soviet Union. In fiscal year 2000 the INS did not capture data on filings and approvals for the individual republics of the former Soviet Union. Instead the Washington Processing Center aggregated the data for all the republics.

Source: Tables 22 and 24.

Washington Processing Center (WPC) in Rosslyn, Virginia. The WPC established interview eligibility based on information supplied on the initial questionnaires and scheduled interviews in Moscow. On the day of their interview, applicants submitted completed refugee applications to INS officers in Moscow. Since 1990, those applications were counted as filed on the interview date. Fiscal year 2000 is the last year for this process; the processing of applicants is returned to the Moscow office effective in 2001.

Data Overview

Applications (Tables B, 21-22)

The number of applications for refugee status filed with the INS decreased from 1999 (111,576) to 2000 (91,854) (Table 21). The leading countries of chargeability of the applicants were Bosnia-Herzegovina with 31 percent of the applications, the former Soviet Union (16 percent), Cuba (10), Somalia (8), Iran (7), and Sudan (5) (Table B and Table 22). Among those countries of chargeability from

which at least 1,000 applications were filed in 2000, the largest percentage increases over 1999 were in applications filed by nationals from Sierra Leone (227 percent), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (217), Afghanistan (203), Iran (65), Sudan (49), and Iraq (43). The countries of chargeability with the largest percentage decreases were in applications filed by nationals of Yugoslavia (principally Kosovars, -98 percent), Nigeria (-90), and Togo (-29). Overall, among the five geographic regions of chargeability from which applications for refugee status were filed in 2000, applications filed by nationals from the Near East/South Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, and Africa increased 69, 20, and 19 percent, respectively, while those filed by nationals from the East Asia and Europe geographic regions decreased about 88 and 32 percent, respectively, over 1999.

Approvals (Tables B, 21-23)

The total number of refugees approved for admission to the United States was 22 percent lower in 2000 (66,546) than

in 1999 (85,592) (Table 23). Bosnia-Herzegovina continued as the leading country for approvals despite a 21 percent decline from 1999. The other leading countries or regions were the republics of the former Soviet Union, Somalia, Iran, Liberia, and Sudan. These countries plus Iraq, Cuba, Croatia, and Sierra Leone account for 90 percent of all refugee approvals in fiscal year 2000 (Table 22).

Countries with more than 1,000 approvals which had large increases in approvals in fiscal year 2000 include the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2,878 percent increase), Sierra Leone (259), Afghanistan (166), Iran (141), Croatia (119), and Liberia (100). Several countries with more than 600 approvals in fiscal year 1999 had significant decreases in fiscal year 2000: Yugoslavia (-98 percent), Nigeria (-94), Ethiopia (-53), and Togo (-56).

All Vietnamese refugee processing centers outside Vietnam were closed at the end of 1997. Residents of former refugee camps were asked to return to Vietnam. Their cases are processed through a special program called the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) in Vietnam. The number of cases approved by the ROVR program in 2000 is not available.

Dependents

Refugee statistics include spouses and children who are cleared to join principal refugees already in the United States, and they count against the annual ceiling. Overall, 1.9 percent of the applications and 2.1 percent of the approvals were family reunification cases. Just five countries/regions account for 75 percent of the applications and 79 percent of the approvals: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Somalia, the former Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia.

Arrivals (Tables B, 23-24)

Refugee arrivals into the United States decreased from 85,076 in 1999 to 72,143 in 2000 (Tables B, 23, and 24). This decrease was largely due to the decreases in refugee arrivals from Yugoslavia and Vietnam. The leading countries for refugee arrivals in 2000 were Bosnia-Herzegovina (19,033), the former Soviet Union (14,903), Somalia (6,026), Iran (5,145), Sudan (3,833), Cuba (3,184), and Iraq (3,158)—comprising 77 percent of the total. The time lag between approval of a refugee application and the refugee's arrival in the United States may be several months or more. After approval, refugees

More than 72,000 refugees arrived in the United States during 2000.

must undergo health and security clearances, have sponsorship and placement arranged, and in some cases go through orientation and English language training. This time lag accounts for the discrepancies between approval and arrival figures in any given year. Several thousand of the fiscal year 2000 arrivals were approved for refugee status in fiscal year 1999.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

The Immigration and Naturalization Service collects data on refugees at three points during processing: when they apply for refugee status abroad; when they are admitted to the United States; and when they adjust to lawful permanent resident status. The INS overseas offices collect data on applicants for refugee status. Each office completes INS Form G-319, *Report of Applicants for Refugee Status under Section 207*, which reports refugee casework by the country to which each applicant is chargeable.

Both the Bureau for Refugee Programs (Department of State) and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (Department of Health and Human Services) collect data on refugees admitted to the United States. The Bureau for Refugee Programs collects data through the Intergovernmental Organization for Migration, which is a nongovernmental organization that arranges the transportation of refugees to the United States. The Office of Refugee Resettlement, responsible for the disbursement of funds for refugee benefits, collects detailed data on the characteristics of refugees at the time they are initially admitted to the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service collects data on refugees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status as part of its immigrant data series gathered by the Computer Linked Application Information Management Systems (CLAIMS). The data collected include demographic variables as well as immigration-oriented variables (see Immigrants section). This is the only stage in the refugee process where the INS collects detailed information about the characteristics of refugees.

Limitations of Data

After careful consideration of the reporting requirements and limitations of data collected by the INS, it was decided that the *INS Statistical Yearbook* would present refugee arrival statistics from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. This source counts the actual number of refugees arriving in the United States in each fiscal year. Comparison of refugee arrival data from editions of the *Yearbook* prior to 1996 with the present

edition must be made with caution. From 1987 to 1995 refugee arrival data presented in the *Yearbook* were derived from the INS's Nonimmigrant Information System (NIIS). This system compiled refugee arrival data by country of citizenship on a monthly basis from INS Form I-94, *Arrival/Departure Record* (see Nonimmigrants section). However, since this system records each entry of a person with nonimmigrant status, a refugee traveling abroad and returning to the United States may be counted more than once during a fiscal year.

Refugee detailed tables are located at the end of the Asylees text section.

III. ASYLEES

This section presents information on persons who come to the United States to seek asylum from persecution abroad, including the number and characteristics of persons who filed, were granted asylum, and adjusted to lawful permanent resident status.

An asylee is an alien in the United States who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. (See Appendix 2, p. A.2-2.) An asylee must meet the same criteria as a refugee; the only difference is the location of the person upon application—the potential asylee is in the United States or applying for admission at a port of entry, and the potential refugee is outside the United States. The Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, regulates U.S. asylum policy as well as governing refugee procedures. The Act, for the first time, established a statutory basis for granting asylum in the United States consistent with the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

U.S. Asylum Program

Filing of claims

Any alien physically present in the United States or at a port of entry may request asylum in the United States. According to the Refugee Act, current immigration status, whether legal or illegal, is not relevant to an applicant's asylum claim. Aliens may apply for asylum in one of two ways: with an INS asylum officer; or, if apprehended, with an immigration judge as part of a removal hearing. Traditionally, aliens who appeared at ports of entry without proper documents and requested asylum were referred for exclusion hearings; however, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996 made major revisions to the procedure, effective on April 1, 1997. Under the new law, such aliens are referred to asylum officers for credible fear interviews. These interviews are not formal asylum hearings. The purpose of the interviews is to determine whether aliens have credible fear of persecution or torture and are thus eligible to apply for asylum or withholding of removal before an immigration judge. In credible fear interviews, aliens only need to show that there is a significant possibility that they might establish eligibility for asylum. To be granted asylum, aliens must show they have been persecuted in the

past or have a well-founded fear of persecution. An alien may request that an immigration judge review a negative determination by the INS on a credible fear claim. The data reported in this section pertain only to asylum cases filed with INS asylum officers. Aliens denied asylum by the INS may renew asylum claims with an immigration judge once they are in removal proceedings.

Adjudication of claims

On April 2, 1991, the Asylum Officer Corps (AOC) assumed responsibility within the INS for the adjudication of asylum claims that were filed with the INS. Before that date, such claims had been heard by examiners in INS district offices. During fiscal year 2000, asylum officers worked from eight sites in the United States—Arlington, VA, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Newark, NJ, and San Francisco. Applicants who did not live near these locations were interviewed by asylum officers who traveled to other INS offices.

In March 1994, the INS published proposed regulations designed to streamline the asylum decision process, discourage the filing of frivolous claims, and in cases of claims that do not appear to meet the standards for granting asylum, integrate the work of asylum officers with the work of the immigration judges in the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), an independent Justice Department agency. The final asylum reform regulations were published in December 1994, and took effect on January 4, 1995.

Under asylum reform, the INS standard is to conduct the asylum interview within 43 days after the claim is filed, and to identify and grant those cases that have merit (generally in 60 days from the date of filing the application). If the INS asylum officer does not grant the claim, the applicant is referred immediately for removal proceedings before EOIR (unless the alien is still in a legal status). The immigration judge may grant the claim or may issue a denial and an order of removal. Under this system,

INS asylum officers issue relatively few denials, but an interview followed by a referral to EOIR represents the asylum officer's judgment that the application is not readily grantable. The INS will issue a denial (and cannot refer the case) when the applicant is still in a legal status. An applicant who fails without good cause to keep a scheduled appointment for an asylum interview is referred immediately to EOIR for removal proceedings; this is considered to be one type of case closure.

Beginning in 1997, the AOC also began conducting credible fear interviews as required by IIRIRA and interviewing applicants for refugee status at INS overseas locations.

More than 46,700 applications for asylum in the United States were received during 2000.

Data Overview

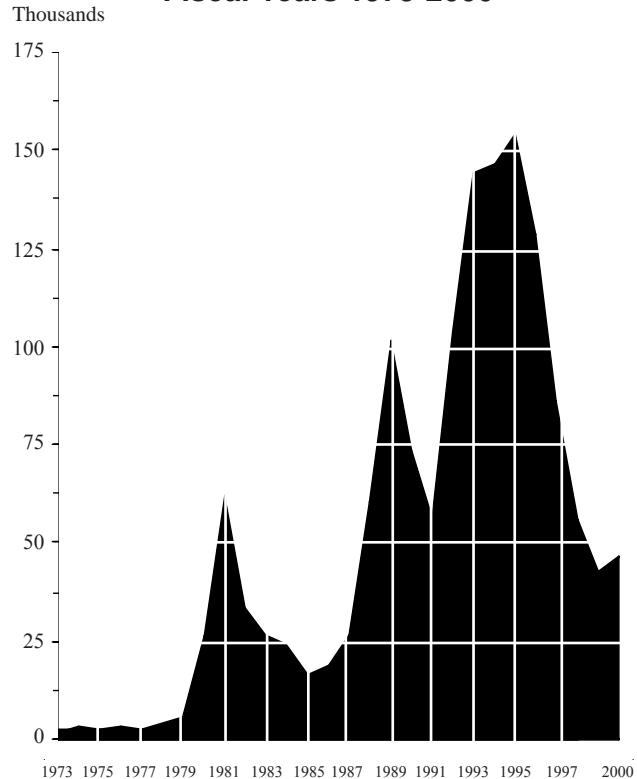
Applications filed (Chart D, Tables 25, 27)

The annual number of asylum applications filed with the INS has fluctuated greatly since the effective date of the Refugee Act of 1980, as shown in Chart D. In fiscal year 2000, 46,776 asylum cases were filed or reopened (received). These cases involved 61,875 individuals. The number of cases increased 23 percent from the 38,091 cases filed in 1999 (Table 25). There were sharp increases in filings by nationals from Colombia, China, Haiti, Mexico, and Armenia. Once again there were large declines in new filings by nationals of El Salvador and Guatemala.

In 2000, 40,686 new claims for asylum were filed with the INS. The People's Republic of China, with 5,745 new claims, ranked first, followed by Haiti (4,337), Mexico (3,756), Colombia (2,728), and Somalia (2,386) (Table 27). Individuals from the republics of the former Soviet Union filed 3,907 new claims; 69 percent were from Russia and Armenia. A male was the principal applicant in 63 percent (25,550) of the new claims filed. About 57 percent of all individuals involved in new claims are male.

Nearly 6,800 asylum cases were reopened in 2000 (including 709 cases that were both new filings and reopened during the year). The leading countries of nationality of the reopened cases were Guatemala (1,112), El Salvador (874), the People's Republic of China (808), and Haiti (425).

Chart D
Asylum Applications Received by the INS:
Fiscal Years 1973-2000



NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Source: Table 25.

The number of reopened cases in 2000 was about 70 percent of the cases reopened in 1999. An automatic function triggers the reopening of cases that were administratively closed when aliens apply for renewal of their employment authorization. This relates to applications filed prior to the asylum reforms of 1995, where the cases were administratively closed due to a failure to appear for the asylum interview. This function also automatically reschedules an interview. Some of these reopened cases may qualify under the terms of the American Baptist Churches (ABC) vs. Thornburgh settlement.

Trends in asylum applications filed by nationals from Central America (Table 27)

For over a decade, nationals from Central America dominated the annual number of asylum applications filed in the United States. From 1986 to 1992, about half of all asylum applications were filed by Central Americans. By 1993 and 1994, that percentage had fallen somewhat, but it remained at about 40 percent of the total applications filed. Then, the number of applicants from Central America surged to a new height in the next two years, well over half of all asylum applicants. A sharp decline in cases filed by

Nicaraguans was later offset by a sharp increase in cases filed by Guatemalans and Salvadorans. Beginning in 1997, the numbers started a sharp decline largely due to the termination of the filing period under the terms of the American Baptist Churches (ABC) *vs.* Thornburgh settlement. As a result, Central Americans accounted for about 4 percent of the new claims and 9 percent of the total filed and reopened in 2000.

During the 1990s, the trend in asylum claims filed or reopened by nationals from Central America has been driven in large part by ABC cases. Under the terms of this 1991 class action lawsuit settlement agreement [American Baptist Churches *vs.* Thornburgh, 760 F. Supp. 796 (N.D. Cal. 1991)], many nationals of El Salvador and Guatemala were allowed to file or renew their claims for asylum. Nationals of Guatemala had a filing deadline of March 31, 1992, which was the peak year for claims from this country (although the INS allowed them to file until January 3, 1995). The 187,000 Salvadorans who had registered for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in 1991 became eligible to file for asylum at the expiration of their TPS period in 1992. They were later granted additional time under deferred enforced departure periods which extended until December 1994, and they ultimately had until January 31, 1996 to apply for asylum under the ABC agreement. The number of ABC claims filed by Salvadorans surged during fiscal year 1996 before the filing deadline. These claims are heard under the pre-reform regulations as well as other stipulations of the settlement agreement. Applications filed after the ABC filing deadline were processed as reform filings, except those ABC cases that were closed by the EOIR or federal courts and were not previously filed with the INS. Under the settlement, once the latter cases are identified by the INS, they are treated as ABC filings instead of reform filings. During 2000, 849 cases were identified as either filed or reopened as ABC cases.

On November 19, 1997, the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) was signed into law. Section 203 of the NACARA permits certain Guatemalans, Salvadorans, and nationals of former Soviet bloc countries to apply for suspension of deportation or special rule cancellation of removal under the more generous standards in effect before the 1996 immigration law. Individuals granted relief under NACARA 203 are permitted to remain in the United States as lawful permanent resident aliens. All ABC class members, who are eligible for ABC benefits and have asylum applications

pending with the INS, also are eligible to apply for the NACARA benefits with the INS Asylum Program. Certain qualifying family members may also apply for NACARA benefits. In fiscal year 2000 there were 56,763 applications filed under NACARA 203 provisions. There were 9,089 cases granted and 61,602 pending applications at the end of the fiscal year.

Cases completed (Tables 25, 27, 28)

During fiscal year 2000, the Asylum Officer Corps completed work on 58,428 claims and adjudicated about 65 percent (37,897) of them (Table 25). The number of cases granted in 2000 was 16,549, representing 43.7 percent of the cases adjudicated compared to the 38.5 percent approval rate in fiscal year 1999. The granted cases included 22,861 individuals—principals, spouses, and children (Tables 27 and 28). The leading countries of nationality were the People's Republic of China (2,514 granted cases), Somalia (1,678), Ethiopia (1,246), and Colombia (1,164) (Table 27).

There are special procedures for adjudicating cases based on coercive population control. Section 601 of the IIRIRA stipulates that a person qualifies as a refugee or asylee persecuted for political opinion if forced to undergo, has a well founded fear of being compelled to undergo, or resists a coercive population-control procedure. It sets a combined annual ceiling of 1,000 persons who may be granted refugee or asylee status under this provision. Both the INS and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) grant conditional asylee status to qualified applicants each year under this provision—status that is not subject to the 1,000 annual ceiling (currently, there are more than 1,000 conditional grants in a year). At the beginning of a new fiscal year, the INS Asylum Division issues 1,000 final grants—counted toward the annual ceiling of the previous year—to those who have received a conditional asylee status from either agency in previous fiscal years. The selection criterion for final grants is the date of the conditional grants. Those who received their conditional grants earlier would receive their final grants first. At the beginning of fiscal year 2001, the INS issued the 1,000 fiscal year 2000 final grants for asylum status to 323 individuals who received their conditional grants from the INS, 615 whose conditional grants were made by immigration judges, and 62 whose conditional grants were made by the Board of Immigration Appeals. The People's Republic of China was the country of origin of all grants. No one was granted refugee status in fiscal year 2000 based on coercive population-control measures.

Cases pending

The number of asylum cases pending for adjudication decreased about 4 percent, from approximately 342,000 in 1999 to approximately 329,000 in 2000. Cases filed by nationals of El Salvador (52 percent of total pending), Guatemala (30), Haiti (5), and Nicaragua (4), accounted for about 90 percent of the pending cases. The ABC cases, which also can be handled under the NACARA provisions, comprised 97 percent of the Salvadoran and Guatemalan cases filed, and 79 percent of all pending cases. A large number of Nicaraguan and Cuban pending cases also will be eligible for the NACARA benefits. A number of Haitian pending cases are eligible for benefits under the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) of 1998. The number of pending cases that are not ABC, HRIFA, or NACARA is approximately 31,600.

Credible fear interviews

During fiscal year 2000, 10,337 aliens appeared at ports of entry without proper documents and requested asylum. Most of these aliens were subsequently referred to asylum officers for credible fear interviews. Nationals of the People's Republic of China submitted the most applications (3,944), followed by Haiti (1,073) and Sri Lanka (999). These three countries accounted for about 58 percent of all applications in 2000. Some applicants change their mind and decide to withdraw their request for a credible fear interview before an interview takes place. The Asylum Officer Corps made 9,726 credible fear determinations in 2000 and found sufficient evidence of credible fear in 98.7 percent of the cases. These cases were referred to immigration judges for adjudication.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

Prior to April 1, 1991, data on asylum applicants reflect cases filed with INS district directors and, subsequently, cases filed with INS asylum officers on Form I-589 (*Request for Asylum in the United States*). A centralized, automated data system (Refugee, Asylum, and Parole System—RAPS) supports the processing of the existing caseload and new asylum applications. The system supports case tracking, schedules and controls interviews, and generates management and statistical reports. The system reports asylum casework by nationality and other characteristics of asylum applicants. Data can be reported by case or by the number of persons covered, since a case may include more than one person. Data on asylum

applicants have been collected by the INS for selected nationalities since July 1980, and for all nationalities since June 1983.

As with refugees, the Immigration and Naturalization Service collects data on asylees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status in the Computer Linked Application Information Management Systems (CLAIMS) (see Immigrants section). Adjustment to immigrant status was the only point at which detailed characteristics of asylees were collected prior to 1992. The RAPS system provides data on selected characteristics of asylum seekers and asylees at an earlier time.

The number of asylum applications filed is defined here as the sum of new applications received and applications reopened during the year. Tables 27 and 28 show the number of applications that were reopened during the year. Most of these are cases that had been closed earlier without a decision. The tabulations also show the number of cases referred to immigration judges, with and without an interview. A referral due to failure to keep an appointment for an interview without good cause is considered comparable, for statistical purposes, to a closed case. The approval rate is calculated as the number of cases granted/approved divided by the number of cases adjudicated, which is defined as the cases granted/approved, denied, and referred to EOIR following an interview (including referrals under the filing deadline).

The data on credible fear claims are collected in the Asylum Pre-screening System (APSS). These data are not stored in RAPS and are not reflected in the detailed tables for this section.

Limitations of Data

The statistics shown here for fiscal year 2000 differ slightly from preliminary statistics released by the INS Asylum Division in October 2000. The data presented here were tabulated from the RAPS system eighteen months after the close of the fiscal year and incorporate late additions and corrections to the database. Since asylum claimants can reopen a case, it is possible that some of the decisions categorized in the detailed tables in this edition of the *Yearbook* are a change from a completion category in some previous fiscal year. In addition, technical limitations of the data file used to produce these tables preclude a precise count of the number of pending applications at either the

beginning of a fiscal year or the end of the year. That is because reopened cases in the data file do not indicate the date the case was previously considered complete. In fiscal year 2000 the uncertainty about the number of pending cases is approximately 4,000 cases.

Data on applicants for asylum collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service historically have covered only cases filed with the INS. Information has not been available on cases filed by aliens after the INS has placed the alien in removal proceedings before an immigration judge in the Executive Office for Immigration Review. The two agencies are working to integrate their data systems to provide these data in the future. Asylum was granted by EOIR to approximately 9,200 individuals in 2000; therefore, the total number of individuals granted asylum by both agencies was about 32,000.

Principal applicants whose asylum applications are successful can apply for their spouses and minor children, whether they are in the United States or abroad, and these relatives also receive status as asylees. The RAPS system collects information on the spouses and children of asylum applicants only if they are included on the principal's application. Information regarding relatives whose principals petition for them after receiving asylum is collected by the CLAIMS and is not included in any table in this publication. The data collected by the INS at the time asylees adjust to permanent resident status include all aliens who adjust regardless of whether they were granted asylum by the INS, immigration judges, or the Board of Immigration Appeals. Adjustment data also include all spouses and children of persons granted asylum.

TABLE 21. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS: FISCAL YEARS 1980-2000

Year	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
1980 (April-Sept.)..	16,642	95,241	89,580	6,149	1,197	14,957
1981	14,957	178,273	155,291	15,322	3,998	18,619
1982	18,619	76,150	61,527	14,943	6,631	11,668
1983	11,668	92,522	73,645	20,255	2,489	7,801
1984	7,801	99,636	77,932	16,220	604	12,681
1985	12,681	80,734	59,436	18,430	1,842	13,707
1986	13,707	67,310	52,081	9,679	3,362	15,895
1987	15,895	85,823	61,529	13,911	6,126	20,152
1988	20,152	105,024	80,282	11,821	5,632	27,441
1989	27,441	190,597	95,505	33,179	4,005	85,349
1990	39,524	135,251	99,697	29,805	24,904	20,369
1991	20,369	123,492	107,962	12,644	5,700	17,555
1992	18,238	133,786	115,330	14,886	6,780	15,028
1993	15,028	127,676	106,026	20,280	5,107	11,291
1994	15,582	142,068	105,137	20,557	19,485	12,471
1995	12,471	143,223	78,936	32,412	34,251	10,095
1996	10,095	155,868	74,491	26,317	59,589	5,566
1997	5,566	122,741	77,600	22,725	17,270	10,712
1998	10,712	124,777	73,198	31,001	6,768	24,522
1999	24,522	111,576	85,592	19,094	6,358	25,054
2000	25,042	91,854	66,546	21,010	10,482	18,858

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980. The pending beginning of fiscal year 1990 figure does not match the pending end of fiscal year 1989 figure due to changes in the processing of Soviet refugees residing in the republics of the former Soviet Union. The beginning fiscal year 1990 figure excludes the initial questionnaires submitted by refugee applicants residing in the republics of the former Soviet Union. Changes in the number of applications pending from 1991 to 1992, 1993 to 1994, and 1999 to 2000 are due to revisions in the data from reporting offices.

**TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
All countries	25,042	91,854	66,546	21,010	10,482	18,858
Africa	6,312	23,799	20,084	5,106	502	4,419
Algeria	1	82	67	16	-	-
Angola	-	19	2	4	-	13
Benin	1	1	-	-	-	2
Botswana	-	2	-	-	-	2
Burkina Faso	-	2	2	-	-	-
Burundi	54	181	117	6	3	109
Cameroon	4	3	-	-	-	7
Central African Republic	4	-	-	-	-	4
Chad	24	2	-	-	-	26
Congo, Democratic Republic	441	1,447	1,519	71	38	260
Congo, Republic ...	8	12	16	-	-	4
Cote d'Ivoire	3	4	4	-	-	3
Djibouti	-	28	1	9	1	17
Egypt	-	1	1	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	40	40	-	-	-
Eritrea	3	88	66	10	5	10
Ethiopia	216	1,608	1,221	266	24	313
Gambia, The	-	15	11	4	-	-
Ghana	6	7	5	-	1	7
Guinea-Bissau	2	1	1	-	-	2
Kenya	-	6	6	-	-	-
Liberia	2,816	4,326	4,242	2,039	28	833
Libya	-	5	-	-	-	5
Mauritania	-	216	206	1	-	9
Namibia	98	7	11	-	24	70
Nigeria	32	70	39	27	-	36
Rwanda	100	176	179	14	15	68
Senegal	-	2	-	-	-	2
Sierra Leone	241	2,659	2,275	503	15	107
Somalia	474	7,354	5,700	1,247	131	750
Sudan	1,657	4,853	4,056	700	216	1,538
Togo	125	535	278	179	-	203
Tunisia	-	12	2	10	-	-
Uganda	2	35	17	-	1	19
East Asia	1	1,101	944	158	-	-
Burma	-	998	880	118	-	-
Cambodia	-	55	22	33	-	-
China, People's Republic	1	7	1	7	-	-
Laos	-	37	37	-	-	-
Maldives	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pakistan	-	3	3	-	-	-
Vietnam	1	1	1	1	1	1
Europe	16,602	45,363	32,355	8,462	8,074	13,074
Albania	17	12	1	-	9	19
Bosnia-Herzegovina	15,345	28,344	19,466	3,797	7,881	12,545
Bulgaria	-	6	-	6	-	-
Croatia	1,211	2,061	2,663	32	158	419
Lithuania	-	1	-	1	-	-
Macedonia	-	1	-	1	-	-
Poland	9	3	2	-	1	9
Romania	4	1	4	-	-	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
Soviet Union ²	10	14,530	9,934	4,575	16	15
Yugoslavia ³	6	404	285	50	9	66
Latin America/ Caribbean	161	9,104	2,896	5,044	1,192	133
Cuba	-	9,079	2,845	5,042	1,192	-
Ecuador	-	1	-	1	-	-
Haiti	161	24	51	1	-	133
Near East/ South Asia	1,966	12,412	10,193	2,240	713	1,232
Afghanistan	49	2,116	1,561	475	77	52
Bahrain	-	5	5	-	-	-
Iran	1,476	6,084	5,437	1,014	295	814
Iraq	428	4,152	3,155	742	323	360
Jordan	1	6	5	-	2	-
Kuwait	5	12	8	4	5	-
Lebanon	-	2	-	-	2	-
Sri Lanka	-	3	1	-	2	-
Syria	2	22	14	4	5	1
Turkey	-	3	1	-	2	-
United Arab Emirates	-	6	6	-	-	-
Yemen	5	1	-	1	-	5
Not reported	-	75	74	-	1	-

¹ Data for Vietnam processed by the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees Program are not available for fiscal year 2000.

² Includes republics of the former Soviet Union. The INS codes refugee-status applications data for the republics of the former Soviet Union using only the code for the former Soviet Union.

³ Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 23. REFUGEE APPROVALS AND ARRIVALS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2000**

Geographic area of chargeability	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Authorized admissions¹	116,000	117,500	111,000	90,000	78,000	83,000	91,000	90,000
Africa	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,770	7,000	7,000	13,000	18,000
East Asia	35,000	41,500	39,000	25,000	10,000	14,000	10,500	8,000
Europe	52,500	53,000	48,000	45,000	52,500	54,000	61,000	44,500
Latin America/Caribbean	4,500	9,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	2,250	3,500
Near East/South Asia	7,000	6,000	5,000	4,300	4,500	4,000	4,250	10,000
Unallocated Reserve	10,000	1,000	4,000	2,000	-	-	-	6,000
Approvals	106,026	105,137	78,936	74,491	77,600	73,198	85,592	66,546
Africa	6,813	5,748	4,895	9,681	7,854	8,443	15,581	20,084
East Asia	38,314	40,639	23,023	11,891	6,810	12,881	6,728	944
Europe	52,090	48,963	45,900	47,611	56,379	46,671	55,666	32,355
Latin America/Caribbean	3,991	2,513	1,933	982	1,860	1,208	2,796	2,896
Near East/South Asia	4,818	7,229	3,068	4,246	4,539	3,931	4,725	10,193
Not reported	-	45	117	80	158	64	96	74
Arrivals²	107,926	109,593	98,520	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143
Africa	6,969	5,861	4,779	7,502	6,069	6,665	13,048	17,560
East Asia	38,302	40,601	35,956	18,343	7,781	10,475	9,963	3,557
Europe	51,278	50,838	45,703	41,617	48,450	54,260	55,877	37,664
Latin America/Caribbean	4,377	6,437	7,618	3,541	2,986	1,587	2,110	3,233
Near East/South Asia	7,000	5,856	4,464	3,788	3,990	3,194	4,078	10,129

¹ Previous editions of the *INS Statistical Yearbook* show authorized initial admissions. Beginning with the 1999 edition, data are for authorized final ceiling admissions.

² In editions of the *Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 edition of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section—Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

NOTE: The authorized admission levels for 1993, 1994, and 1995 were 132,000, 121,000, and 112,000, respectively, including 16,000 Amerasians in 1993, 3,500 in 1994, and 1,000 in 1995. Since Amerasians enter the United States on immigrant visas, they are not included as refugee admissions. As a result, the authorized admission levels for 1992 through 1995 for East Asia have been reduced accordingly. Beginning in fiscal year 1996, there is no specific allocation for Amerasians in authorized admissions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 24. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1994-2000**

Country of chargeability	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All countries	109,593	98,520	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143
Europe	50,838	45,703	41,617	48,450	54,260	55,877	37,664
Albania	171	51	23	9	3	8	1
Armenia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	35	20
Azerbaijan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	210	259
Belarus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,008	1,050
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7,088	9,870	12,030	21,357	30,906	22,699	19,033
Bulgaria	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	1,660	2,995
Czechoslovakia ¹	5	-	1	-	-	-	1
Estonia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	71	81
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	50	30
Hungary	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	412	284
Kyrgyzstan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	140	147
Latvia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	167	103
Lithuania	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	16
Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Moldova	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,035	1,056
Poland	31	39	11	6	2	3	1
Romania	67	24	16	3	-	2	4
Russia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,386	3,723
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Soviet Union ²	43,470	35,716	29,536	27,072	23,349	194	282
Tajikistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	24
Turkmenistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16	1
Ukraine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8,649	7,334
Uzbekistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	818	693
Yugoslavia ²	-	-	-	3	-	14,280	524
Asia	46,457	40,420	22,131	11,771	13,669	14,041	13,622
Afghanistan	21	4	-	-	88	365	1,709
Bahrain	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Burma	75	36	11	182	186	295	637
Cambodia	6	1	-	-	-	-	-
China, People's Republic	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
India	-	-	4	6	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	1	26	14
Iran	851	978	1,256	1,305	1,699	1,750	5,145
Iraq	4,984	3,482	2,528	2,679	1,407	1,955	3,158
Jordan	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Laos	6,272	3,675	2,201	939	-	19	64
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	5	4
Syria	-	-	-	-	-	2	18
Vietnam	34,248	32,244	16,130	6,660	10,288	9,622	2,841
Yemen	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Africa	5,861	4,779	7,502	6,069	6,665	13,048	17,624
Algeria	-	-	-	-	-	12	57
Angola	6	1	2	-	-	-	2
Benin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Burundi	-	8	8	33	24	223	165
Cameroon	-	2	1	19	15	9	7
Central African Republic	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Chad	-	-	-	45	41	22	2

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 24. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1994-2000—Continued**

Country of chargeability	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Congo, Democratic Republic ³	92	85	38	45	52	42	1,354
Congo, Republic ³	-	-	-	-	-	27	11
Cote d' Ivoire	-	-	-	-	1	5	-
Djibouti	-	-	-	16	15	8	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Eritrea	6	-	14	7	9	32	94
Ethiopia	328	239	194	197	152	1,873	1,347
Egypt	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gambia, The	-	-	-	16	50	13	13
Ghana	5	9	1	4	-	5	3
Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
Kenya	-	-	6	-	13	2	11
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	610	52	46	231	1,494	2,495	2,620
Libya	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mozambique	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Nigeria	-	-	34	7	312	625	50
Rwanda	31	88	118	100	86	153	345
Sierra Leone	-	48	13	57	176	675	1,128
Somalia	3,555	2,506	6,436	4,974	2,951	4,320	6,026
South Africa	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Sudan	1,220	1,705	575	277	1,252	2,393	3,833
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Togo	-	25	1	30	15	93	511
Tunisia	2	-	-	-	3	-	2
Uganda	2	10	10	9	2	12	18
Zambia	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
North America	6,437	7,618	3,539	2,986	1,587	2,109	3,233
Caribbean	6,436	7,618	3,537	2,986	1,587	2,109	3,233
Cuba	2,670	6,133	3,498	2,911	1,587	2,018	3,184
Haiti	3,766	1,485	39	75	-	91	49
Central America	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
South America	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Data include independent and unknown republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

² Data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. For the former Soviet Union, data are not available for independent republics prior to 1999. The Department of State included Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania with the republics of the former Soviet Union prior to 1999.

³ In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

NOTE: In editions of the *INS Statistical Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 edition of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section, Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 25. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND ASYLUM OFFICERS
FISCAL YEARS 1973-2000**

Year	Cases received ¹	Cases completed ²	Cases approved	Cases denied	Cases adjudicated ³	Percent approved ⁴
1973-2000	1,413,449	1,018,620	133,839	239,683	544,308	26
1973	1,913	1,510	380	1,130	1,510	25
1974	2,716	2,769	294	2,475	2,769	11
1975	2,432	1,664	562	1,102	1,664	34
1976-80	42,173	10,847	4,990	5,857	10,847	46
1976	2,733	1,914	590	1,324	1,914	31
1976, TQ ⁵	896	370	97	273	370	26
1977	2,529	1,939	754	1,185	1,939	39
1978	3,702	2,312	1,218	1,094	2,312	53
1979	5,801	2,312	1,227	1,085	2,312	53
1980	26,512	2,000	1,104	896	2,000	55
1981-85	161,872	124,142	25,162	73,928	99,090	25
1981	61,568	4,521	1,175	3,346	4,521	26
1982	33,296	11,326	3,909	7,255	11,164	35
1983	26,091	25,447	7,215	16,811	24,026	30
1984	24,295	54,320	8,278	32,344	40,622	20
1985	16,622	28,528	4,585	14,172	18,757	24
1986-90	281,048	310,071	24,067	75,621	99,688	24
1986	18,889	45,792	3,359	7,882	11,241	30
1987	26,107	44,785	4,062	3,454	7,516	54
1988	60,736	68,357	5,531	8,582	14,113	39
1989	101,679	102,795	6,942	31,547	38,489	18
1990	73,637	48,342	4,173	24,156	28,329	15
1991-95	593,609	205,161	31,661	70,055	137,307	23
1991	56,310	16,552	2,108	4,167	6,275	34
1992	103,964	21,996	3,919	6,506	10,425	38
1993 ⁶	142,680	31,970	5,053	17,610	22,664	22
1994 ⁶	143,225	46,527	8,133	28,183	36,336	22
1995 ⁶	147,430	88,116	12,448	13,589	61,607	20
1996-2000	327,686	412,770	63,305	11,045	228,837	28
1996 ⁶	116,882	105,000	13,505	2,358	61,672	22
1997 ⁶	76,827	117,001	10,162	2,304	52,634	19
1998 ⁶	49,110	79,629	9,930	3,017	42,416	23
1999 ⁶	38,091	52,712	13,159	1,620	34,218	38
2000	46,776	58,428	16,549	1,746	37,897	44

¹ Beginning in 1992, includes cases newly filed and cases reopened.

² Includes approvals, denials, cases otherwise closed, cases referred to an immigration judge (interviewed and not interviewed), and cases referred to an immigration judge because the alien failed to meet the filing deadline.

³ Includes approvals, denials, cases referred to an immigration judge following an interview, and cases referred to an immigration judge because the alien failed to meet the filing deadline.

⁴ Cases approved divided by cases adjudicated.

⁵ The three-month period—July 1 through September 30, 1976—between fiscal year 1976 and fiscal year 1977. At that time, the fiscal year definition was changed from July 1-June 30 to October 1-September 30.

⁶ Data for 1993-99 have been updated.

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980. Data for fiscal years 1982 and 1983 have been estimated due to changes in the reporting procedures during those two periods. Since April 1, 1991, authority to decide most asylum claims has resided with the INS Asylum Officer Corps. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS ASYLUM
OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1994-2000**

Nationality	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All nationalities	11,644	17,374	18,574	16,186	13,011	17,849	22,861
Europe	2,387	3,420	4,542	2,297	2,548	2,736	3,675
Albania	47	145	439	378	541	402	425
Armenia	75	406	336	248	312	377	1,137
Azerbaijan	25	75	128	83	161	150	265
Belarus	2	14	10	20	26	31	63
Belgium	-	-	1	-	2	-	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	164	289	199	41	20	23	24
Bulgaria	40	58	43	56	72	62	79
Croatia	52	59	59	47	38	40	36
Czechoslovakia ¹	2	2	1	3	1	-	-
Estonia	2	2	-	3	7	-	7
France	2	5	1	-	-	-	-
Georgia	36	81	72	62	67	121	140
Germany	6	2	4	1	1	1	3
Greece	-	9	5	-	1	1	5
Hungary	13	25	13	4	2	1	6
Italy	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
Kazakhstan	1	17	15	17	27	18	51
Kyrgyzstan	-	6	5	12	4	11	17
Latvia	15	6	17	7	3	1	11
Lithuania	5	6	-	-	3	2	1
Macedonia	-	11	10	31	22	3	8
Moldova	8	15	12	6	3	2	13
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poland	3	10	12	2	6	1	2
Portugal	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Romania	181	181	77	53	44	38	39
Russia	564	577	472	382	434	560	630
San Marino	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Slovak Republic	-	4	-	2	3	4	-
Slovenia	6	-	1	-	-	-	-
Soviet Union ¹	240	68	128	59	63	15	4
Spain	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Sweden	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Tajikistan	7	10	11	6	15	17	18
Turkmenistan	1	-	3	17	13	2	9
Ukraine	191	218	215	196	142	98	94
United Kingdom	1	1	2	9	5	4	2
Uzbekistan	22	62	42	37	54	32	62
Yugoslavia ¹	676	1,052	2,207	515	453	718	521
Asia	3,837	5,185	5,358	8,656	3,382	5,811	7,732
Afghanistan	155	330	221	282	296	339	269
Bahrain	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Bangladesh	86	349	251	121	105	123	89
Bhutan	-	1	2	1	-	4	15
Burma	87	215	153	178	269	347	341
Cambodia	4	41	7	10	124	145	61
China, People's Republic	412	533	430	483	666	1,188	3,354
India	574	1,081	1,674	860	394	393	647
Indonesia	1	6	6	3	15	1,545	937
Iran	624	784	592	414	708	780	874
Iraq	207	199	954	5,781	179	206	385
Israel	29	12	16	7	1	6	15
Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jordan	38	53	20	19	25	33	22

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS ASYLUM
OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1994-2000—Continued**

Nationality	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Korea	9	9	7	5	3	-	-
Kuwait	24	38	22	8	13	23	9
Laos	82	33	17	14	18	18	15
Lebanon	89	91	78	37	64	48	27
Malaysia	1	-	5	1	5	15	26
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Nepal	5	16	4	3	17	13	18
Oman	-	-	4	-	-	-	1
Pakistan	218	506	448	268	283	371	378
Philippines	74	52	36	17	19	28	17
Saudi Arabia	13	3	6	1	7	9	4
Singapore	1	7	1	1	5	3	4
Sri Lanka	62	69	32	46	53	45	56
Syria	1,023	679	307	35	44	34	30
Taiwan	-	-	1	-	-	6	6
Thailand	2	3	-	-	5	-	-
Turkey	3	31	15	27	20	32	53
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Vietnam	3	4	5	6	10	13	16
Yemen	11	40	44	28	33	41	51
Africa	2,008	4,349	4,061	3,073	4,936	7,141	7,271
Algeria	25	98	81	79	184	143	67
Angola	2	3	8	4	12	35	57
Benin	-	2	-	1	-	8	1
Burkina-Faso	-	3	2	2	1	6	9
Burundi	19	98	92	57	43	52	29
Cameroon	74	159	95	79	155	244	336
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Central African Republic	-	-	-	-	3	1	2
Chad	5	7	8	2	13	20	16
Congo, Democratic Republic ²	93	213	136	139	208	215	222
Congo, Republic of ²	1	9	4	5	110	266	260
Cote d'Ivoire	15	49	30	15	12	17	25
Djibouti	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Egypt	54	196	139	129	355	402	468
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Eritrea	5	12	34	45	103	169	204
Ethiopia	662	1,093	818	450	541	1,090	1,410
Gabon	3	4	1	2	1	3	3
Gambia, The	1	62	75	56	42	45	24
Ghana	42	67	28	19	16	12	19
Guinea	13	37	39	15	53	48	94
Guinea-Bissau	7	-	-	-	-	2	4
Kenya	24	40	18	27	70	107	96
Lesotho	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Liberia	298	614	702	479	495	669	678
Libya	20	20	6	7	10	12	21
Malawi	6	-	-	-	2	5	-
Mali	3	14	9	6	2	9	4
Mauritania	16	273	403	105	139	101	93
Mauritius	2	29	24	2	3	-	1
Morocco	1	5	1	4	5	6	7
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Namibia	-	-	4	-	-	-	1
Niger	41	78	66	87	109	99	50
Nigeria	27	126	120	100	145	119	44
Rwanda	43	145	69	101	85	108	97
Senegal	4	24	10	7	9	21	15

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**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS ASYLUM
OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1994-2000—Continued**

Nationality	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Sierra Leone	48	70	61	25	157	183	218
Somalia	149	285	531	701	1,315	2,355	1,982
South Africa	11	7	15	4	-	6	7
Sudan	246	397	343	266	403	441	507
Tanzania	-	6	5	-	9	4	5
Togo	24	57	54	33	49	57	62
Tunisia	-	-	1	5	2	1	2
Uganda	20	36	28	14	71	55	115
Zambia	1	1	-	-	2	-	-
Zimbabwe	2	10	-	1	-	3	8
Oceania	29	51	35	8	2	35	79
Australia	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Fiji	29	51	34	8	2	34	79
North America	2,722	3,324	3,810	1,758	1,689	1,331	1,369
Canada	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	9	79	43	32	36	56	39
Caribbean	1,546	1,274	2,116	1,019	601	444	875
Bahamas, The	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Barbados	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cuba	492	524	631	313	196	252	118
Dominica	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dominican Republic	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Haiti	1,054	746	1,485	699	394	187	754
Jamaica	-	2	-	7	6	1	-
St.Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	2	-	-	1	2	-
Central America	1,165	1,971	1,651	707	1,052	831	455
Belize	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Costa Rica	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
El Salvador	185	234	195	177	387	296	146
Guatemala	372	1,062	890	350	469	433	274
Honduras	91	192	140	51	49	64	13
Nicaragua	516	481	419	128	146	29	20
Panama	1	2	7	1	1	9	-
South America	546	889	594	315	395	711	2,668
Argentina	-	3	-	-	-	-	2
Bolivia	4	22	12	-	-	11	7
Brazil	2	16	15	4	27	45	19
Chile	-	8	5	1	4	21	9
Colombia	68	104	91	48	108	229	2,470
Ecuador	6	15	-	-	2	4	3
Guyana	1	14	1	2	2	-	-
Paraguay	-	-	-	6	-	2	-
Peru	462	683	467	243	222	375	131
Suriname	-	5	-	1	15	6	1
Uruguay	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
Venezuela	3	19	3	9	14	18	23
Stateless	87	147	122	53	48	75	63
Unknown	28	9	52	26	11	9	4

¹ Data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

² In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000**

Nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year	Cases denied during year
All nationalities	40,686	6,090	16,549	44	22,861	1,746
Europe	5,890	466	2,479	46	3,675	351
Albania	970	20	252	28	425	49
Armenia	1,836	36	792	49	1,137	144
Austria	1	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	356	9	180	68	265	3
Belarus	134	2	50	41	63	12
Belgium	8	-	1	33	1	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	50	-	20	51	24	5
Bulgaria	108	21	58	53	79	7
Croatia	26	5	26	68	36	1
Czech Republic	2	-	-	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia ³	7	8	-	-	-	-
Estonia	13	3	3	23	7	1
Finland	2	-	-	-	-	-
France	4	1	-	-	-	-
Georgia	235	5	97	45	140	6
Germany	6	2	3	100	3	-
Greece	6	-	3	100	5	-
Hungary	5	5	2	50	6	-
Italy	2	1	1	25	1	-
Kazakhstan	62	4	31	50	51	5
Kyrgyzstan	43	-	14	40	17	3
Latvia	22	-	8	44	11	1
Lithuania	6	-	1	10	1	1
Macedonia	22	5	5	16	8	1
Moldova	23	2	9	56	13	1
Netherlands	3	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	1	-	1	100	1	-
Poland	19	41	2	9	2	-
Portugal	-	1	-	-	-	1
Romania	61	47	33	47	39	4
Russia	859	73	383	46	630	47
Slovak Republic	5	3	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	4	-	-	-	-	-
Soviet Union ³	-	84	3	100	4	-
Spain	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sweden	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tajikistan	13	-	8	53	18	1
Turkmenistan	14	-	5	63	9	-
Ukraine	208	31	68	33	94	21
United Kingdom	6	3	2	50	2	-
Uzbekistan	124	2	39	41	62	4
Yugoslavia ³	621	51	379	57	521	33
Asia	11,046	1,639	5,594	51	7,732	693
Afghanistan	219	5	177	78	269	1
Bahrain	-	-	2	100	3	-
Bangladesh	118	165	51	30	89	15
Bhutan	20	-	14	70	15	-
Burma	629	11	305	70	341	29
Cambodia	42	2	37	31	61	62
China, People's Republic...	5,745	700	2,514	47	3,354	198
Hong Kong	1	-	-	-	-	1
India	1,291	252	525	46	647	33
Indonesia	883	26	665	50	937	269
Iran	876	47	591	66	874	19
Iraq	333	4	229	81	385	15
Israel	10	9	5	31	15	1
Japan	2	-	-	-	1	-

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**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year	Cases denied during year
Jordan	38	21	15	29	22	2
Korea	5	3	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	6	7	3	38	9	-
Laos	1	5	14	33	15	1
Lebanon	49	20	20	36	27	2
Malaysia	32	2	26	70	26	-
Mongolia	16	1	4	29	5	1
Nepal	28	11	15	41	18	-
Oman	1	-	1	100	1	-
Pakistan	334	187	212	53	378	28
Philippines	51	94	11	16	17	2
Qatar	2	-	-	-	-	1
Saudi Arabia	8	2	4	67	4	1
Singapore	5	-	4	80	4	1
Sri Lanka	107	12	36	40	56	4
Syria	32	14	25	56	30	2
Taiwan	3	2	1	100	6	-
Thailand	4	3	-	-	-	-
Turkey	67	14	41	67	53	2
United Arab Emirates	2	-	2	100	3	-
Vietnam	21	-	12	52	16	-
Yemen	65	20	33	53	51	3
Africa	10,203	467	5,986	61	7,271	413
Algeria	54	11	49	62	67	4
Angola	63	-	31	53	57	3
Benin	2	1	1	25	1	-
Botswana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	10	2	6	50	9	-
Burundi	72	1	24	41	29	2
Cameroon	535	14	302	58	336	29
Cape Verde	-	1	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	4	-	1	33	2	1
Chad	16	2	16	70	16	-
Comoros	1	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Dem. Republic	275	10	163	61	222	9
Congo, Republic	346	7	185	60	260	8
Cote d'Ivoire	26	18	13	50	25	1
Djibouti	5	-	2	50	4	-
Egypt	562	24	293	54	468	21
Equatorial Guinea	1	-	2	50	2	-
Eritrea	249	2	167	61	204	15
Ethiopia	1,455	37	1,246	77	1,410	28
Gabon	5	-	2	33	3	-
Gambia, The	36	28	19	32	24	3
Ghana	20	37	10	29	19	-
Guinea	285	15	83	39	94	9
Guinea-Bissau	8	3	4	57	4	2
Kenya	106	5	77	67	96	6
Liberia	1,039	75	585	58	678	156
Libya	6	-	10	77	21	1
Malawi	3	-	-	-	-	-
Mali	5	31	3	33	4	1
Mauritania	863	8	92	20	93	4
Mauritius	-	-	1	50	1	-
Morocco	13	2	4	44	7	-
Mozambique	1	-	1	100	2	-
Namibia	-	-	1	100	1	-
Niger	51	6	30	57	50	8
Nigeria	63	44	31	30	44	3
Rwanda	94	1	62	61	97	7

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**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year	Cases denied during year
Senegal	38	8	14	33	15	2
Sierra Leone	520	19	186	45	218	28
Somalia	2,386	29	1,678	66	1,982	11
South Africa	17	2	3	17	7	3
Sudan	565	8	424	77	507	32
Tanzania	10	1	2	33	5	1
Togo	109	12	57	54	62	7
Tunisia	10	-	2	25	2	-
Uganda	247	3	99	50	115	8
Zambia	4	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	23	-	5	50	8	-
Oceania	247	16	46	42	79	2
Australia	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	245	16	46	43	79	2
New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-	-
North America	10,017	3,191	1,105	12	1,369	195
Canada	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	3,755	183	35	1	39	8
Caribbean						
Antigua-Barbuda	4,509	696	708	20	875	64
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	-	2	-	-	-	-
Dominica	154	325	94	70	118	17
Dominican Republic	3	1	-	-	3	-
Grenada	1	2	-	-	-	1
Haiti	1	2	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	4,337	320	614	19	754	45
St. Kitts-Nevis	4	22	-	-	-	-
St. Lucia	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	2	4	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	7	18	-	-	-	1
Central America	1,751	2,312	362	13	455	123
Belize	5	1	1	25	1	-
Costa Rica	3	4	1	50	1	-
El Salvador	1,006	863	120	9	146	98
Guatemala	676	1,096	220	16	274	15
Honduras	30	135	12	7	13	10
Nicaragua	27	210	8	36	20	-
Panama	4	3	-	-	-	-
South America	3,053	292	1,291	59	2,668	89
Argentina	12	1	2	29	2	-
Bolivia	14	4	4	18	7	-
Brazil	85	44	14	14	19	1
Chile	12	3	4	40	9	-
Colombia	2,728	54	1,164	65	2,470	80
Ecuador	18	80	3	12	3	1
Guyana	-	27	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	1	1	-	-	-	-
Peru	132	65	77	41	131	5
Suriname	3	9	1	13	1	-
Uruguay	2	-	3	43	3	-
Venezuela	46	4	19	56	23	2
Stateless	120	17	48	44	63	2
Unknown	110	2	-	-	4	1

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**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, filing deadline	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁴	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
All nationalities	2,592	6,038	13,857	6,674	13,564
Europe	531	418	1,388	205	2,189
Albania	70	86	47	16	502
Armenia	218	58	35	45	630
Austria	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	6	10	8	25	73
Belarus	16	10	4	1	50
Belgium	-	-	1	-	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	9	3	4	2	11
Bulgaria	7	6	79	3	38
Croatia	2	5	12	-	6
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	2
Czechoslovakia ³	-	-	14	2	5
Estonia	4	-	-	1	9
Finland	-	-	-	1	-
France	-	1	-	2	-
Georgia	13	20	7	5	92
Germany	-	-	2	1	-
Greece	-	-	-	1	-
Hungary	-	2	20	1	-
Italy	-	-	-	2	3
Kazakhstan	6	5	7	3	21
Kyrgyzstan	5	4	-	1	14
Latvia	1	3	3	2	6
Lithuania	1	-	7	-	8
Macedonia	1	6	2	2	20
Moldova	1	2	4	1	4
Netherlands	-	-	1	-	2
Norway	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	6	89	2	15
Portugal	1	-	3	-	-
Romania	4	7	218	2	26
Russia	81	74	224	50	320
Slovak Republic	-	-	4	-	2
Slovenia	-	-	4	-	1
Soviet Union ³	-	-	303	-	-
Spain	-	-	1	-	-
Sweden	-	-	1	-	1
Tajikistan	1	2	-	1	4
Turkmenistan	-	-	2	-	3
Ukraine	26	31	75	9	84
United Kingdom	-	-	3	2	2
Uzbekistan	7	2	3	1	50
Yugoslavia ³	51	75	201	21	183
Asia	1,082	1,205	2,602	462	3,483
Afghanistan	1	18	34	3	30
Bahrain	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	15	11	130	8	95
Bhutan	-	2	-	-	4
Burma	39	28	28	21	76
Cambodia	196	7	8	7	14
China, People's Republic ..	293	762	870	217	1,839
Hong Kong	1	-	-	-	-
India	47	81	405	63	503
Indonesia	346	133	6	55	262
Iran	34	55	129	36	225
Iraq	23	6	20	2	33
Israel	1	1	26	-	9
Japan	-	-	2	-	1
Jordan	7	9	40	3	26

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, filing deadline	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁴	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Korea	-	3	4	-	2
Kuwait	-	3	17	1	2
Laos	1	2	149	1	25
Lebanon	3	7	67	6	27
Malaysia	-	7	2	1	4
Mongolia	1	2	-	1	7
Nepal	-	8	12	-	14
Oman	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	45	16	267	15	147
Philippines	6	20	279	15	37
Qatar	1	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	1	-	3	-	1
Singapore	1	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	13	9	20	4	41
Syria	2	4	18	-	14
Taiwan	-	-	2	1	-
Thailand	-	-	9	-	1
Turkey	2	3	19	1	15
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam	-	4	11	1	7
Yemen	3	4	25	-	22
Africa	514	795	1,089	473	2,682
Algeria	4	9	34	-	17
Angola	6	5	5	1	19
Benin	-	1	4	-	2
Botswana	-	1	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	2	1	6
Burundi	2	7	1	16	26
Cameroon	33	21	22	13	166
Cape Verde	-	-	18	-	5
Central African Republic	1	1	-	-	-
Chad	-	3	1	-	4
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Dem. Republic	10	28	11	12	68
Congo, Republic	13	33	7	22	84
Cote d'Ivoire	1	3	40	2	9
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	2
Egypt	39	15	50	12	215
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	2
Eritrea	15	15	1	3	75
Ethiopia	34	57	195	24	295
Gabon	-	1	3	-	3
Gambia, The	3	10	22	4	27
Ghana	-	3	85	4	21
Guinea	12	49	12	15	73
Guinea-Bissau	2	-	10	1	1
Kenya	13	11	8	4	21
Liberia	181	14	201	17	246
Libya	1	-	3	-	2
Malawi	-	1	-	-	-
Mali	1	2	36	2	3
Mauritania	4	101	8	52	255
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	1
Morocco	-	-	3	1	5
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	16	-	33	1	15
Nigeria	3	12	108	6	56
Rwanda	10	8	2	4	25
Senegal	2	5	25	4	22
Sierra Leone	36	78	31	32	120

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, filing deadline	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁴	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Somalia	11	260	55	194	577
South Africa	4	4	11	-	8
Sudan	37	8	18	13	86
Tanzania	1	-	2	-	3
Togo	8	7	13	-	35
Tunisia	-	1	-	2	5
Uganda	11	20	7	10	72
Zambia	-	-	-	-	1
Zimbabwe	-	1	2	1	4
Oceania	2	2	118	8	59
Australia	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	2	2	118	7	58
New Zealand	-	-	-	1	1
North America	267	3,433	7,951	5,441	4,380
Canada	-	-	-	-	2
Mexico	11	2,358	180	720	411
Caribbean	89	564	1,508	361	2,125
Antigua-Barbuda	-	-	1	-	-
Barbados	-	-	1	-	-
Cuba	18	3	758	30	21
Dominica	3	1	3	-	1
Dominican Republic	1	-	7	-	-
Grenada	-	-	3	1	2
Haiti	65	557	641	329	2,090
Jamaica	1	-	51	-	5
St. Kitts-Nevis	-	-	2	-	-
St Lucia	-	1	3	-	1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	1	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	1	2	37	1	5
Central America	167	511	6,263	4,360	1,842
Belize	-	3	1	2	-
Costa Rica	-	-	5	1	1
El Salvador	139	259	2,967	4,153	815
Guatemala	15	237	2,224	184	869
Honduras	13	6	228	16	143
Nicaragua	-	3	825	4	11
Panama	-	3	13	-	3
South America	187	149	665	81	671
Argentina	-	4	4	1	1
Bolivia	-	4	25	1	14
Brazil	1	24	223	7	61
Chile	-	2	4	1	4
Colombia	173	87	106	40	467
Ecuador	1	7	101	10	14
Guyana	-	-	46	-	3
Paraguay	-	-	3	-	-
Peru	10	17	130	21	87
Suriname	-	-	10	-	7
Uruguay	-	-	5	-	4
Venezuela	2	4	8	-	9
Stateless	8	9	32	4	51
Unknown	1	27	12	-	49

¹ Cases filed and reopened in the same year are included only with cases filed. ² The number of cases granted divided by the sum of cases granted, denied, referred under filing deadline, and referred to an immigration judge following an interview. ³ Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁴ Include ABC interview no show cases. See Asylum section of text.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 28. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 2000**

Asylum office and state of residence	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year	Cases denied during year
Total	40,686	6,090	16,549	44	22,861	1,746
Asylum office:						
Arlington	3,828	586	2,664	61	3,366	178
Chicago	2,645	250	645	28	937	284
Houston	1,780	124	528	35	730	126
Los Angeles	10,580	1,191	4,659	45	6,461	527
Miami	7,336	966	2,098	38	3,656	129
Newark	4,309	1,333	1,494	36	1,954	170
New York	3,810	1,389	1,203	27	1,618	160
San Francisco	6,398	251	3,258	61	4,139	172
State:						
Alabama	29	23	21	62	30	1
Alaska	16	3	4	50	6	-
Arizona	169	28	123	60	181	11
Arkansas	35	10	6	21	9	2
California	15,409	1,292	7,111	50	9,560	644
Colorado	358	17	102	33	148	24
Connecticut	183	44	75	42	114	6
Delaware	34	38	17	38	31	2
District of Columbia ..	267	21	208	64	236	16
Florida	7,011	957	2,053	38	3,581	129
Georgia	649	176	376	58	504	17
Hawaii	22	6	6	50	9	3
Idaho	4	1	1	20	1	-
Illinois	543	41	179	33	242	64
Indiana	90	13	42	41	63	14
Iowa	100	15	12	12	22	3
Kansas	56	12	11	18	21	6
Kentucky	315	11	10	29	14	3
Louisiana	31	4	9	30	10	4
Maine	16	2	4	19	4	-
Maryland	1,523	111	968	60	1,187	90
Massachusetts	588	222	265	27	368	31
Michigan	416	42	184	44	284	47
Minnesota	475	35	305	47	392	121
Mississippi	14	1	5	42	5	-
Missouri	97	10	26	31	33	4
Montana	2	-	1	33	1	-
Nebraska	217	38	19	5	29	4
Nevada	175	51	72	42	91	8
New Hampshire	20	3	13	43	16	2
New Jersey	604	436	253	34	357	35
New Mexico	6	2	3	43	3	1
New York	5,973	1,853	1,785	30	2,288	205
North Carolina	207	85	157	51	212	14
North Dakota	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ohio	648	24	109	35	146	11
Oklahoma	38	1	26	57	40	3
Oregon	129	12	74	58	106	12
Pennsylvania	641	76	259	43	342	41
Rhode Island	47	39	39	29	57	4
South Carolina	34	10	21	55	35	-
South Dakota	19	8	6	27	7	-
Tennessee	484	23	136	37	162	13
Texas	763	70	281	39	407	81
Utah	57	8	17	40	21	3
Vermont	3	1	4	100	5	-
Virginia	1,083	164	837	65	1,085	41
Washington	493	28	200	62	262	9
West Virginia	4	-	3	60	3	-
Wisconsin	106	9	47	34	57	15
Wyoming	3	-	-	-	-	-
Guam	258	2	46	75	52	1
Puerto Rico	19	9	10	83	14	-
U.S. Virgin Islands	202	3	8	15	8	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 28. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued**

Asylum office and state of residence	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, filing deadline	Cases otherwise closed during year ³	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Total	2,592	6,038	13,857	6,674	13,564
Asylum office:					
Arlington	241	303	1,512	727	1,197
Chicago	501	285	453	245	1,112
Houston	185	207	344	598	653
Los Angeles	768	2,440	3,546	2,710	2,687
Miami	253	662	2,099	414	2,603
Newark	222	758	1,759	1,113	1,750
New York	194	558	2,841	501	2,516
San Francisco	228	825	1,303	366	1,046
State:					
Alabama	1	3	10	4	9
Alaska	-	1	21	5	3
Arizona	13	15	46	12	56
Arkansas	4	7	32	28	14
California	930	3,166	4,411	2,943	3,381
Colorado	28	35	57	53	151
Connecticut	7	20	80	26	79
Delaware	2	3	43	3	23
District of Columbia	18	12	158	91	90
Florida	253	643	2,102	402	2,517
Georgia	22	113	122	99	145
Hawaii	3	-	29	2	3
Idaho	-	1	9	4	3
Illinois	88	60	107	38	238
Indiana	17	11	21	8	36
Iowa	4	22	25	32	61
Kansas	9	7	28	4	36
Kentucky	3	3	11	5	19
Louisiana	7	7	7	1	10
Maine	-	2	7	2	15
Maryland	124	96	554	215	459
Massachusetts	36	79	800	75	614
Michigan	80	18	87	11	165
Minnesota	266	37	80	18	181
Mississippi	-	1	2	-	6
Missouri	7	12	27	10	42
Montana	-	-	1	-	2
Nebraska	4	107	45	93	244
Nevada	10	33	118	69	58
New Hampshire	3	-	11	1	15
New Jersey	45	81	811	247	372
New Mexico	2	1	6	2	2
New York	263	1,070	2,584	1,221	2,807
North Carolina	17	12	131	54	125
North Dakota	1	-	1	-	1
Ohio	15	47	40	22	147
Oklahoma	3	5	17	7	12
Oregon	13	9	45	9	32
Pennsylvania	55	53	125	27	254
Rhode Island	4	8	105	10	83
South Carolina	-	1	8	-	16
South Dakota	-	2	6	-	14
Tennessee	17	46	33	41	168
Texas	126	98	200	465	267
Utah	3	7	18	1	15
Vermont	-	-	9	2	-
Virginia	57	51	539	262	353
Washington	13	19	98	20	95
West Virginia	-	-	4	1	2
Wisconsin	18	11	8	7	64
Wyoming	-	-	-	2	2
Guam	1	-	7	8	14
Puerto Rico	-	1	8	1	1
U.S. Virgin Islands	-	2	3	11	43

¹ Cases filed and reopened in the same year are included only with cases filed. ² The number of cases granted divided by the sum of cases granted, denied, referred under filing deadline, and referred to an immigration judge following an interview. ³ Includes ABC interview no show cases. See Asylum section of text.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 29. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT
RESIDENT STATUS BY ENACTMENT
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2000**

Enactment	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000
Total	3,492,894	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	1,021,266
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45	40,324	40,324	X	X	X	X	X
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48	409,696	173,023	236,669	4	X	X	X
Orphan Act of 7/29/53	466	X	466	X	X	X	X
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53	189,025	X	188,993	28	2	2	X
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57	29,462	X	24,263	5,199	X	X	X
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58	30,752	X	30,491	258	2	1	X
Azores & Netherlands Refugee Act of 9/2/58	22,213	X	10,057	12,156	X	X	X
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59	1,820	X	1,432	388	X	X	X
Fair Share Refugee Act of 7/14/60	19,800	X	X	19,714	82	3	1
Refugee Conditional Entrants Act of 10/3/65	142,103	X	X	39,149	102,625	329	X
Cuban Refugee Act of 11/2/66	610,568	X	X	135,947	252,119	105,898	116,604
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77	175,168	X	X	X	137,309	37,752	107
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78	139,294	X	X	X	46,058	92,971	265
Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80	1,682,203	X	X	X	1,250	776,664	904,289
Refugees	1,541,696	X	X	X	X	734,259	807,437
Asylees	140,507	X	X	X	1,250	42,405	96,852

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

X Not applicable.

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2000**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	1999	2000
All countries	3,492,894	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	1,021,266	42,852	65,941
Europe	1,377,299	211,983	456,146	55,235	71,858	155,512	426,565	21,801	33,106
Albania	7,329	29	1,409	1,952	395	289	3,255	44	66
Armenia	2,161	X	X	X	X	X	2,161	130	114
Austria	17,520	4,801	11,487	233	185	424	390	16	18
Azerbaijan	12,072	X	X	X	X	X	12,072	372	455
Belarus	24,581	X	X	X	X	X	24,581	766	1,227
Belgium	80	NA	NA	NA	21	33	26	6	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina	37,591	X	X	X	X	X	37,591	5,298	11,627
Bulgaria	7,190	139	1,138	1,799	1,238	1,197	1,679	20	38
Croatia	1,807	X	X	X	X	X	1,807	254	689
Czech Republic	3	X	X	X	X	X	3	-	3
Czechoslovakia ¹	37,982	8,449	10,719	5,709	3,646	8,204	1,255	12	8
Denmark	24	NA	NA	NA	1	5	18	-	1
Estonia	12,132	7,143	4,103	16	2	25	843	33	57
Finland	17	NA	NA	NA	2	5	10	-	-
France	549	NA	NA	NA	139	268	142	5	13
Georgia	2,593	X	X	X	X	X	2,593	100	134
Germany	102,461	36,633	62,860	665	143	851	1,309	115	435
Gibraltar	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Greece	31,538	124	28,568	586	478	1,408	374	8	5
Hungary	76,455	6,086	55,740	4,044	4,358	4,942	1,285	7	9
Iceland	4	NA	NA	NA	2	2	-	-	-
Ireland	20	NA	NA	NA	8	6	6	-	1
Italy	63,649	642	60,657	1,198	346	394	412	6	7
Kazakhstan	4,269	X	X	X	X	X	4,269	210	472
Kyrgyzstan	1,248	X	X	X	X	X	1,248	46	174
Latvia	41,075	21,422	16,783	49	16	48	2,757	126	134
Liechtenstein	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-
Lithuania	28,556	18,694	8,569	72	23	37	1,161	33	55
Luxembourg	2	NA	NA	NA	-	2	-	-	-
Macedonia	137	X	X	X	X	X	137	8	34
Malta	11	NA	NA	NA	6	5	-	-	-
Moldova	11,717	X	X	X	X	X	11,717	373	729
Monaco	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	17,657	129	14,336	3,134	8	14	36	8	3
Norway	18	NA	NA	NA	4	7	7	1	1
Poland	210,320	78,529	81,323	3,197	5,882	33,889	7,500	36	57
Portugal	5,078	12	3,650	1,361	21	21	13	-	-
Romania	75,713	4,180	12,057	7,158	6,812	29,798	15,708	63	68
Russia	60,404	X	X	X	X	X	60,404	2,842	3,985
San Marino	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	31	X	X	X	X	X	31	5	5
Slovenia	97	X	X	X	X	X	97	17	18
Soviet Union ²	239,150	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	90,533	4,394	2,443
Spain	10,857	1	246	4,114	5,317	736	443	25	41
Sweden	20	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	17	4	3
Switzerland	58	NA	NA	NA	12	NA	46	4	12
Tajikistan	2,546	X	X	X	X	X	2,546	45	47
Turkmenistan	410	X	X	X	X	X	410	25	40
Ukraine	109,739	X	X	X	X	X	109,739	4,956	7,742
United Kingdom	370	NA	NA	NA	58	192	120	4	10
Uzbekistan	19,539	X	X	X	X	X	19,539	759	965
Yugoslavia ²	90,765	9,816	44,755	18,299	11,297	324	6,274	625	1,156
Unknown Europe	9,750	1,082	7,687	778	123	80	-	-	-
Asia	1,328,545	1,106	33,422	19,895	210,683	712,092	351,347	9,300	13,342
Afghanistan	33,214	-	1	-	542	22,946	9,725	54	113
Bahrain	5	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	5	-	-

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**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2000—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	1999	2000
Bangladesh	568	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	566	84	95
Bhutan	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	-	1
Burma	791	NA	NA	NA	70	NA	721	45	51
Cambodia	128,191	-	-	-	7,739	114,064	6,388	39	36
China ³	46,931	319	12,008	5,308	13,760	7,928	7,608	431	487
Cyprus	57	NA	NA	NA	48	NA	9	-	-
Hong Kong	9,199	-	1,076	2,128	3,468	1,916	611	16	36
India	2,585	NA	NA	NA	41	NA	2,544	118	466
Indonesia	17,719	-	8,253	7,658	222	1,385	201	1	14
Iran	71,818	118	192	58	364	46,773	24,313	1,030	956
Iraq	37,197	-	130	119	6,851	7,540	22,557	1,835	3,483
Israel	252	NA	NA	NA	76	NA	176	5	5
Japan	4,550	3	3,803	554	56	110	24	1	4
Jordan	421	NA	NA	NA	88	NA	333	14	10
Korea	4,643	-	3,116	1,316	65	120	26	1	6
Kuwait	480	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	469	9	16
Laos	201,919	-	-	-	21,690	142,964	37,265	383	708
Lebanon	1,623	NA	NA	NA	595	NA	1,028	16	30
Macau	32	NA	NA	NA	29	NA	3	-	-
Malaysia	574	NA	NA	NA	189	NA	385	13	30
Maldives	2	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	2	-	-
Mongolia	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	31	3	3
Nepal	33	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	32	3	1
Oman	7	NA	NA	NA	1	5	1	-	1
Pakistan	1,670	NA	NA	NA	20	NA	1,650	54	134
Philippines	1,181	NA	NA	NA	213	NA	968	7	22
Qatar	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	1	-
Saudia Arabia	890	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	880	57	52
Singapore	41	NA	NA	NA	28	NA	13	-	-
Sri Lanka	378	NA	NA	NA	24	NA	354	17	16
Syria	6,112	4	119	383	1,336	2,145	2,125	160	149
Thailand	54,287	-	15	13	1,241	30,259	22,759	380	810
Turkey	7,167	603	1,427	1,489	1,193	1,896	559	15	28
United Arab Emirates ..	59	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	59	1	1
Vietnam	681,585	-	2	7	150,266	324,453	206,857	4,503	5,576
Yemen	113	NA	NA	NA	22	11	80	4	2
Unknown Asia	12,200	59	3,280	862	422	7,577	-	-	-
Africa	84,063	20	1,768	5,486	2,991	22,149	51,649	2,184	3,365
Algeria	144	NA	NA	NA	1	5	138	12	23
Angola	350	NA	NA	NA	4	255	91	1	2
Benin	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	1	6
Botswana	94	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	9	-	-
Burkina Faso	16	NA	NA	NA	2	-	14	3	9
Burundi	156	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	148	6	18
Cameroon	311	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	302	12	16
Cape Verde	23	NA	NA	NA	4	13	6	-	-
Central African Rep.	5	NA	NA	NA	1	1	3	-	-
Chad	50	NA	NA	NA	7	-	43	12	14
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁴	1,123	NA	NA	NA	7	192	924	21	46
Congo, Republic ⁴	27	NA	NA	NA	1	1	25	2	8
Cote d' Ivoire	121	NA	NA	NA	1	1	119	3	14
Djibouti	39	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	20	-	1
Egypt	9,077	8	1,354	5,396	1,473	426	420	32	26
Equatorial Guinea	2	NA	NA	NA	-	2	-	-	-
Eritrea	608	X	X	X	X	X	608	14	7
Ethiopia ⁵	37,777	NA	61	2	1,307	18,542	17,865	183	270
Gabon	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	6	1	-
Gambia, The	54	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	54	3	15

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**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2000—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	1999	2000
Ghana	569	NA	NA	NA	3	135	431	14	46
Guinea	65	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	50	-	2
Guinea-Bissau	36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	36	5	14
Kenya.....	1,538	NA	NA	NA	4	87	1,447	131	241
Lesotho	39	NA	NA	NA	1	29	9	-	-
Liberia	3,950	NA	NA	NA	2	109	3,839	124	273
Libya	968	NA	NA	NA	14	363	591	-	5
Madagascar	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Malawi	64	NA	NA	NA	8	33	23	1	-
Mali	12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	2	1
Mauritania	212	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	211	16	64
Mauritius	20	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	19	2	1
Morocco	37	NA	NA	NA	3	11	23	2	1
Mozambique	106	NA	NA	NA	3	72	31	-	-
Namibia	111	NA	NA	NA	3	71	37	-	-
Niger	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	27	-	-
Nigeria	463	NA	NA	NA	6	14	443	43	78
Reunion	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Rwanda	392	NA	NA	NA	-	3	389	53	52
Sao Tome and Principe	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Senegal	41	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	40	4	10
Seychelles	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	3	-	-
Sierra Leone	295	NA	NA	NA	2	21	272	18	42
Somalia	16,913	NA	NA	NA	6	70	16,837	1,279	1,817
South Africa	494	NA	NA	NA	14	285	195	1	1
Sudan	5,934	NA	NA	NA	4	739	5,191	153	210
Swaziland	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	-	1
Tanzania	41	NA	NA	NA	2	7	32	-	17
Togo	115	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	114	7	-
Tunisia	8	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	7	-	-
Uganda	798	NA	NA	NA	58	301	439	22	12
Zambia	108	NA	NA	NA	3	53	52	1	-
Zimbabwe	59	NA	NA	NA	3	24	32	-	2
Unknown Africa	623	12	353	88	40	130	-	-	-
Oceania	453	7	75	21	37	22	291	2	24
American Samoa	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Australia	28	NA	NA	NA	21	NA	7	1	-
Fiji	280	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	280	1	24
French Polynesia	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-
Guam	2	NA	NA	NA	2	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	2	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	1	-	-
New Zealand	6	NA	NA	NA	2	4	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	5	NA	NA	NA	2	3	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	-	-
Unknown Oceania	126	7	75	21	8	15	-	-	-
North America	692,868	163	831	132,068	252,633	121,840	185,333	9,086	15,233
Canada	176	NA	NA	NA	96	NA	80	6	11
Greenland	2	NA	NA	NA	1	1	-	-	-
Mexico	618	NA	NA	NA	202	NA	416	33	51
St. Pierre and Miquelon	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
United States	25	NA	NA	NA	5	NA	20	2	3
Caribbean	651,839	3	6	131,557	251,825	114,213	154,235	8,730	14,715
Anguilla	5	NA	NA	NA	-	5	-	-	-
Antigua-Barbuda	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Bahamas, The	847	NA	NA	NA	1	832	14	1	-
Barbados	5	NA	NA	NA	1	4	-	-	-
Bermuda	6	NA	NA	NA	5	-	1	-	1
British Virgin Islands	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2000—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	1999	2000
Cayman Islands	11	NA	NA	NA	9	NA	2	-	-
Cuba	641,059	3	6	131,557	251,514	113,367	144,612	8,588	14,362
Dominica	10	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	6	-	-
Dominican Republic	345	NA	NA	NA	152	NA	193	18	23
Grenada	2	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	1	-	-
Haiti	9,450	NA	NA	NA	86	NA	9,364	122	322
Jamaica	47	NA	NA	NA	25	NA	22	1	5
Martinique	4	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	3	-	1
Montserrat	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	4	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	1	-	-
Puerto Rico	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	2	-	1
St. Kitts and Nevis	4	NA	NA	NA	3	1	-	-	-
St. Lucia	2	NA	NA	NA	1	1	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	14	NA	NA	NA	13	NA	1	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	9	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	5	-	-
Turks and Caicos Is.	6	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	5	-	-
Central America	37,850	1	1	4	289	6,973	30,582	315	453
Belize	14	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	6	-	1
Costa Rica	271	NA	NA	NA	51	NA	220	6	14
El Salvador	5,502	-	-	1	45	1,383	4,073	47	76
Guatemala	2,080	NA	NA	NA	47	NA	2,033	105	139
Honduras	1,119	NA	NA	NA	69	NA	1,050	48	63
Nicaragua	28,108	1	1	3	27	5,590	22,486	103	149
Panama	756	NA	NA	NA	42	NA	714	6	11
Unknown N. America	2,357	159	824	507	214	653	-	-	-
South America	9,316	32	74	123	1,244	1,986	5,857	417	813
Argentina	226	NA	NA	NA	101	NA	125	13	27
Bolivia	101	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	91	5	13
Brazil	152	NA	NA	NA	16	NA	136	8	33
Chile	1,127	-	5	4	415	532	171	13	22
Colombia	1,699	NA	NA	NA	217	350	1,132	121	215
Ecuador	343	NA	NA	NA	149	NA	194	28	30
Guyana	31	NA	NA	NA	7	NA	24	-	2
Paraguay	11	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	7	1	3
Peru	2,890	NA	NA	NA	132	251	2,507	117	278
Suriname	59	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	59	1	3
Uruguay	59	NA	NA	NA	43	NA	16	-	4
Venezuela	1,885	NA	NA	NA	83	407	1,395	110	183
Unknown S. America ..	733	32	69	119	67	446	-	-	-
Unknown or not reported	350	36	55	15	1	19	224	62	58

¹ Prior to 1993, data include independent republics; beginning in 1993, data are for unknown republic only.

² Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only.

³ Includes People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

⁴ In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo.

⁵ Prior to 1993, data include Eritrea.

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 31. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY AGE AND SEX
FISCAL YEARS 1993-2000**

Age and sex	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,191	42,852	65,941
Under 5 years	5,563	5,181	4,509	4,303	3,424	1,589	1,281	1,769
5-9 years	11,496	10,198	9,163	9,525	8,721	4,146	3,164	5,276
10-14 years	9,971	9,451	9,287	10,737	9,963	4,510	3,541	5,700
15-19 years	11,654	9,596	8,076	8,153	7,669	3,976	3,331	5,369
20-24 years	13,869	13,115	13,199	14,210	11,573	4,813	3,618	4,944
25-29 years	12,094	11,148	11,491	14,009	12,816	5,997	4,631	7,422
30-34 years	10,703	9,978	9,433	11,897	11,900	5,952	4,241	7,466
35-39 years	9,151	8,420	7,860	9,226	8,867	4,745	3,664	6,709
40-44 years	9,068	8,031	7,546	8,620	7,806	3,611	2,929	5,045
45-49 years	7,949	7,827	7,707	9,078	7,402	3,201	2,584	4,210
50-54 years	6,294	5,969	5,574	6,467	5,654	2,453	2,327	3,333
55-59 years	5,491	6,064	5,862	6,663	4,994	2,003	1,778	2,038
60-64 years	4,747	5,053	4,594	4,846	3,704	1,736	1,924	2,293
65-69 years	4,281	4,945	4,267	4,587	3,238	1,346	1,469	1,691
70-74 years	2,443	3,143	2,905	3,062	2,001	957	1,140	1,220
75-79 years	1,305	1,649	1,502	1,494	1,077	561	609	852
80 years and over	1,223	1,641	1,676	1,674	1,335	592	607	598
Unknown age	41	25	13	14	14	3	14	6
Male	64,885	61,790	59,023	67,386	59,598	27,792	21,977	34,231
Under 5 years	2,836	2,660	2,279	2,198	1,798	804	662	895
5-9 years	5,910	5,259	4,776	4,950	4,496	2,115	1,618	2,652
10-14 years	5,122	4,841	4,835	5,619	5,105	2,435	1,826	2,922
15-19 years	6,170	5,067	4,282	4,342	4,020	2,088	1,742	2,863
20-24 years	7,337	6,987	7,190	7,590	6,207	2,519	1,828	2,494
25-29 years	6,518	6,290	6,457	8,196	7,389	3,480	2,570	4,038
30-34 years	5,481	5,415	5,274	6,832	7,060	3,466	2,370	4,266
35-39 years	4,544	4,176	3,901	4,867	4,806	2,624	1,942	3,606
40-44 years	4,280	3,748	3,582	4,135	3,910	1,844	1,425	2,594
45-49 years	4,248	4,019	3,816	4,538	3,776	1,637	1,297	2,135
50-54 years	3,383	3,168	3,034	3,575	3,142	1,329	1,184	1,682
55-59 years	2,699	2,860	2,839	3,325	2,598	1,069	868	1,045
60-64 years	2,344	2,421	2,289	2,375	1,896	835	883	1,093
65-69 years	1,924	2,306	2,112	2,313	1,669	707	765	835
70-74 years	1,072	1,321	1,209	1,305	915	412	537	567
75-79 years	535	644	575	626	408	237	253	328
80 years and over	457	592	569	591	396	190	200	214
Unknown age	25	16	4	9	7	1	7	2
Female	62,448	59,633	55,638	61,178	52,517	24,244	20,847	31,653
Under 5 years	2,727	2,519	2,230	2,105	1,626	777	618	870
5-9 years	5,584	4,937	4,387	4,574	4,221	2,022	1,543	2,621
10-14 years	4,847	4,608	4,452	5,118	4,854	2,059	1,713	2,770
15-19 years	5,483	4,527	3,794	3,811	3,645	1,878	1,585	2,502
20-24 years	6,531	6,128	6,009	6,620	5,359	2,277	1,788	2,445
25-29 years	5,576	4,857	5,034	5,813	5,418	2,502	2,054	3,375
30-34 years	5,222	4,563	4,159	5,065	4,839	2,464	1,870	3,195
35-39 years	4,606	4,243	3,958	4,359	4,060	2,111	1,719	3,098
40-44 years	4,787	4,282	3,964	4,485	3,890	1,753	1,503	2,448
45-49 years	3,699	3,808	3,891	4,540	3,625	1,556	1,286	2,075
50-54 years	2,911	2,801	2,540	2,892	2,511	1,119	1,142	1,647
55-59 years	2,792	3,204	3,023	3,338	2,394	927	909	992
60-64 years	2,403	2,632	2,304	2,471	1,806	897	1,040	1,196
65-69 years	2,357	2,639	2,155	2,274	1,568	636	704	856
70-74 years	1,371	1,822	1,696	1,757	1,086	543	603	652
75-79 years	770	1,005	926	868	669	321	356	523
80 years and over	766	1,049	1,107	1,083	939	401	407	384
Unknown age	16	9	9	5	7	1	7	4
Unknown sex	10	11	3	1	43	155	28	57
Percent distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	51.0	50.9	51.5	52.4	53.1	53.3	51.3	51.9
Female	49.0	49.1	48.5	47.6	46.8	46.5	48.6	48.0
Unknown	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	.3	.1	.1

- Represents zero. Z Rounds to less than .05 percent.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1991-2000**

Region and country of birth	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All countries	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,193	42,852	65,941
Europe	62,946	42,721	53,195	54,978	46,998	51,977	39,795	19,048	21,801	33,106
Albania	75	539	1,198	733	314	154	76	56	44	66
Armenia	X	479	329	342	214	182	213	158	130	114
Austria	131	90	54	25	15	15	20	6	16	18
Azerbaijan	X	1,551	2,790	2,668	1,594	1,446	1,000	196	372	455
Belarus	X	3,008	4,480	5,156	3,421	3,480	2,486	557	766	1,227
Belgium	1	1	2	2	-	3	4	2	6	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina	X	-	-	337	3,818	6,246	6,205	4,060	5,298	11,627
Bulgaria	311	562	303	138	105	100	69	33	20	38
Croatia	X	-	2	11	117	236	287	211	254	689
Czech Republic	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Czechoslovakia ¹	659	319	119	41	36	21	31	9	12	8
Denmark	3	-	1	-	2	9	1	1	-	1
Estonia	9	155	125	176	83	98	89	18	33	57
Finland	2	2	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
France	34	13	15	10	7	24	18	3	5	13
Georgia	X	255	213	392	383	591	425	100	100	134
Germany	214	94	82	84	61	90	79	55	115	435
Greece	127	28	39	65	50	33	11	8	8	5
Hungary	817	229	80	37	28	40	24	14	7	9
Ireland	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
Italy	206	105	32	11	7	17	14	7	6	7
Kazakhstan	X	460	544	595	600	624	612	152	210	472
Kyrgyzstan	X	123	114	210	155	177	200	49	46	174
Latvia	34	315	493	568	387	359	272	69	126	134
Liechtenstein	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	75	157	228	214	151	136	85	27	33	55
Macedonia	X	X	X	4	20	20	19	32	8	34
Moldova	X	1,588	2,546	2,154	1,597	1,415	1,043	272	373	729
Netherlands	5	2	7	3	-	-	3	5	8	3
Norway	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	1
Poland	4,205	1,512	731	334	245	183	143	54	36	57
Portugal	2	-	4	2	3	1	1	-	-	-
Romania	4,276	4,971	3,654	1,199	592	447	322	116	63	68
Russia	X	7,122	8,965	10,359	8,176	9,745	6,985	2,225	2,842	3,985
Slovak Republic	X	X	-	-	2	4	9	6	5	5
Slovenia	X	X	-	-	11	17	18	16	17	18
Soviet Union ²	51,551	3,824	6,126	5,719	5,060	3,303	2,589	5,524	4,394	2,443
Spain	96	50	37	55	33	46	29	31	25	41
Sweden	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	3	4	3
Switzerland	10	4	3	2	1	3	4	3	4	12
Tajikistan	X	167	301	534	654	535	239	24	45	47
Turkmenistan	X	30	40	50	71	78	66	10	25	40
Ukraine	X	13,347	16,977	19,366	14,937	16,636	12,137	3,641	4,956	7,742
United Kingdom	34	7	7	17	9	11	12	9	4	10
Uzbekistan	X	1,550	2,475	3,211	3,258	4,144	2,885	292	759	965
Yugoslavia ²	66	58	75	154	778	1,301	1,068	993	625	1,156
Asia	49,762	53,422	51,783	45,768	43,314	42,076	30,835	11,745	9,300	13,342
Afghanistan	2,100	2,082	2,233	1,665	616	369	356	137	54	113
Bahrain	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Bangladesh	15	10	7	19	36	50	91	159	84	95
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Burma	16	19	78	114	136	101	82	79	45	51
Cambodia	2,550	1,695	808	557	268	210	163	62	39	36
China, People's Republic	620	884	1,153	774	803	845	692	898	429	486
Cyprus	4	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	75	193	90	82	48	47	19	5	16	36
India	47	34	103	133	323	485	462	373	118	466
Indonesia	12	13	16	41	62	30	8	4	1	14
Iran	8,515	3,093	3,875	2,186	1,245	1,212	1,447	754	1,030	956
Iraq	193	365	1,856	4,400	3,848	3,802	1,774	1,001	1,835	3,483
Israel	10	10	20	29	34	32	25	6	5	5
Japan	4	5	3	4	2	-	-	1	1	4
Jordan	15	15	42	48	64	58	46	21	14	10

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**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1991-2000—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Korea	1	-	1	3	5	4	3	2	1	6
Kuwait	11	13	114	94	63	74	46	29	9	16
Laos	9,127	8,026	6,547	4,482	3,364	2,155	1,363	1,110	383	708
Lebanon	318	140	204	88	48	77	68	39	16	30
Macau	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Malaysia	93	88	37	49	44	15	16	-	13	30
Maldives	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	2	3	4	4	2	3	7	-	3	3
Nepal	-	-	3	-	5	7	12	1	3	1
Oman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pakistan	166	129	185	181	197	194	280	130	54	134
Philippines	249	221	122	103	80	80	68	16	7	22
Qatar	-	6	2	5	3	1	-	-	1	-
Saudi Arabia	33	19	24	75	126	280	135	79	57	52
Singapore	2	2	-	1	1	1	5	1	-	-
Sri Lanka	59	22	62	33	30	42	46	27	17	16
Syria	252	96	115	34	258	208	146	707	160	149
Taiwan	5	10	1	-	2	2	1	-	2	1
Thailand	3,603	4,048	3,724	3,076	2,932	1,940	1,112	1,134	380	810
Turkey	109	16	79	156	58	42	35	21	15	28
United Arab Emirates	6	2	15	7	9	4	9	5	1	1
Vietnam	21,543	32,155	30,249	27,318	28,595	29,700	22,297	4,921	4,503	5,576
Yemen	5	5	9	4	4	6	19	22	4	2
Africa	4,731	4,480	5,944	6,078	7,527	5,464	7,651	4,225	2,184	3,365
Algeria	-	-	2	3	3	16	46	33	12	23
Angola	22	25	13	7	4	11	4	2	1	2
Benin	9	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	6
Botswana	-	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9
Burundi	4	5	4	6	4	17	41	43	6	18
Cameroon	3	-	12	14	33	68	89	55	12	16
Cape Verde	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Central African Republic	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Chad	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	1	12	14
Congo, Democratic Republic ³	57	72	109	113	130	175	146	55	21	46
Congo, Republic ³	6	1	-	-	2	-	4	2	2	8
Cote d'Ivoire	2	-	3	15	19	24	19	20	3	14
Djibouti	1	2	3	6	-	-	-	7	-	1
Egypt	52	18	35	37	29	66	71	54	32	26
Eritrea	X	X	43	200	204	68	45	27	14	7
Ethiopia	3,582	3,268	3,682	2,530	1,802	985	1,056	507	183	270
Gabon	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	-
Gambia, The	-	-	1	-	-	2	10	23	3	15
Ghana	64	16	35	37	54	56	67	42	14	46
Guinea	-	1	2	7	7	21	10	-	-	2
Guinea-Bassau	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	14	5	14
Kenya	32	42	42	98	165	171	291	234	131	241
Lesotho	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	42	25	239	851	855	700	505	225	124	273
Libya	175	143	172	27	28	24	13	4	-	5
Malawi	9	3	-	4	2	-	2	2	1	-
Mali	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	4	2	1
Mauritania	-	1	7	4	10	10	35	64	16	64
Mauritius	-	2	1	3	1	5	4	-	2	1
Morocco	4	1	3	3	1	5	1	2	2	1
Mozambique	3	9	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	6	6	17	5	-	-	-	3	-	-
Niger	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-
Nigeria	20	9	14	21	26	40	80	112	43	78
Rwanda	-	1	4	8	13	84	140	34	53	52
Senegal	2	2	2	-	1	7	9	3	4	10
Seychelles	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	4	3	2	4	25	44	78	52	18	42
Somalia	282	330	885	1,572	3,095	1,700	3,607	2,270	1,279	1,817
South Africa	77	33	37	6	23	9	7	1	1	1
Sudan	184	369	443	402	935	1,089	1,119	287	153	210

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**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1991-2000—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tanzania	3	3	1	-	1	3	3	1	-	1
Togo	-	1	2	5	8	17	52	22	7	17
Tunisia	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Uganda	54	64	87	79	36	24	46	15	22	12
Zambia	17	4	10	3	7	6	3	1	1	-
Zimbabwe	3	4	6	2	-	9	5	1	-	2
Oceania	1	9	34	23	63	56	59	20	2	24
Australia	1	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	1	-
Fiji	-	8	31	22	61	54	59	20	1	24
French Polynesia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna Islands	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
North America	21,317	15,962	15,926	14,204	16,265	28,070	32,898	16,372	9,086	15,233
Canada	14	5	8	10	5	3	12	6	6	11
Mexico	74	29	29	15	37	47	60	41	33	51
United States	3	-	1	-	-	1	8	2	2	3
Caribbean	8,005	9,969	11,700	12,672	14,888	26,597	31,479	15,480	8,730	14,715
Bahamas, The	3	2	4	-	1	2	1	-	1	-
Bermuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
British Virgin Islands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Cuba	7,953	9,919	11,603	11,998	12,355	22,542	30,377	14,915	8,588	14,362
Dominica	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dominican Republic	14	27	18	8	22	19	26	18	18	23
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Haiti	31	16	68	664	2,502	4,028	1,074	537	122	322
Jamaica	2	1	3	1	4	3	-	2	1	5
Martinique	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central America	13,221	5,959	4,188	1,507	1,335	1,422	1,339	843	315	453
Belize	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	1
Costa Rica	64	31	29	20	8	18	20	10	6	14
El Salvador	1,249	743	811	275	283	262	198	129	47	76
Guatemala	296	169	210	131	158	234	327	264	105	139
Honduras	133	105	165	81	119	119	109	108	48	63
Nicaragua	11,233	4,668	2,892	966	727	766	666	316	103	149
Panama	246	243	81	33	38	21	19	16	6	11
South America	320	442	461	383	497	922	890	712	417	813
Argentina	8	15	4	9	11	13	12	13	13	27
Bolivia	6	3	6	10	9	17	10	12	5	13
Brazil	10	7	11	9	10	18	16	14	8	33
Chile	38	16	17	8	10	21	14	12	13	22
Colombia	46	74	63	70	102	116	154	171	121	215
Ecuador	14	6	25	25	11	15	10	30	28	30
Guyana	1	-	4	3	3	-	7	4	-	2
Paraguay	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	3
Peru	73	74	176	153	241	568	489	338	117	278
Suriname	2	27	16	2	4	3	1	-	1	3
Uruguay	2	-	4	2	1	-	3	-	-	4
Venezuela	120	220	135	91	95	150	173	118	110	183
Unknown or not reported	2	1	-	-	-	-	30	71	62	58

¹ Prior to 1993, data include independent republics; beginning in 1993, data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ² Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ³ On May 30, 1997, Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With this change of Zaire, the Congo is shown in the long form, Republic of the Congo.

- Represents zero. X Not applicable.

TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE FISCAL YEAR 2000

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	All countries	Belarus	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Croatia	Cuba	Iran	Iraq	Laos	Moldova
Total	65,941	1,227	11,627	689	14,362	956	3,483	708	729
Miami, FL	9,551	4	5	1	8,594	-	-	-	2
New York, NY	7,419	363	182	9	121	81	4	-	125
Chicago, IL	2,646	60	1,197	128	83	18	81	-	4
Sacramento, CA	1,890	131	34	6	9	6	2	55	110
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	1,793	20	53	2	133	506	22	1	5
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	1,644	36	233	9	4	12	107	4	50
Atlanta, GA	1,466	5	415	11	51	16	117	2	7
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	1,456	41	177	6	106	11	48	1	39
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	1,246	-	576	39	59	10	74	4	-
Detroit, MI	1,134	17	421	8	9	2	397	12	5
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	1,126	1	355	25	485	-	3	4	-
Louisville, KY	1,080	18	240	12	549	-	68	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	1,042	25	102	-	15	-	18	89	23
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	973	19	256	7	52	2	59	-	5
San Jose, CA	955	3	205	11	19	16	6	-	1
St. Louis, MO-IL	834	22	446	17	7	-	150	3	3
San Francisco, CA	830	43	97	-	20	6	14	-	16
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	785	25	20	3	41	2	18	-	18
Washington, DC-MD-VA	743	2	72	10	22	16	157	6	2
Houston, TX	728	4	209	12	57	12	20	-	1
Oakland, CA	718	4	189	9	18	7	1	-	-
Orange County, CA	693	1	18	-	33	11	-	3	-
San Diego, CA	646	8	36	-	41	26	75	2	5
Nashville, TN	604	-	71	1	14	20	349	-	-
Dallas, TX	539	3	107	6	45	14	113	3	-
Des Moines, ID	514	-	393	16	-	-	8	7	-
Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT	505	4	281	15	5	8	54	-	-
Milwaukee-Waukesha, MI	500	20	64	11	8	-	-	99	1
Jersey City, NJ	482	1	-	-	437	-	-	-	-
Jacksonville, FL	445	2	254	10	48	4	23	-	3
Fort Lauderdale, FL	442	-	3	1	280	3	-	-	-
Orlando, FL	415	2	98	15	199	-	3	-	-
Utica-Rome, NY	409	31	301	4	-	-	22	-	-
Newark, NJ	396	4	47	3	188	-	-	-	6
Rochester, NY	387	2	74	1	180	-	1	-	3
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	379	18	86	19	5	-	3	-	5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	377	-	4	1	282	-	-	-	-
Lincoln, NE	374	2	52	1	1	-	127	-	-
Denver, CO	371	23	52	4	6	-	29	-	6
Las Vegas, NV	353	-	97	16	170	5	-	5	-
Tacoma, WA	350	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	90
Kansas City, MO-KS	344	-	25	-	38	10	49	8	-
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	299	-	64	1	8	1	111	3	-
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	294	-	133	3	35	1	24	-	-
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	285	11	54	2	50	-	1	-	2
Baltimore, MD	258	16	11	-	15	7	13	-	5
Yolo, CA	255	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Spokane, WA	250	18	40	6	1	-	1	-	2
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk-Danbury, CT	245	7	32	1	18	-	147	-	-
Columbus, OH	241	7	8	2	2	5	29	-	-
Other MSA	8,415	111	2,033	126	1,033	81	510	346	106
Non-MSA	5,815	86	1,704	99	766	37	424	50	79

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE FISCAL YEAR 2000—Continued

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	Russia	Somalia	Soviet Union ²	Thailand	Ukraine	Uzbekistan	Vietnam	Yugoslavia ²	Other
Total	3,985	1,817	2,443	810	7,742	965	5,576	1,156	7,666
Miami, FL	18	-	24	-	11	1	2	4	885
New York, NY	957	8	1,022	1	1,832	457	27	588	1,642
Chicago, IL	113	22	289	-	291	20	65	58	217
Sacramento, CA	221	-	93	62	802	36	67	3	253
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	111	1	28	6	210	14	416	7	258
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	112	163	76	10	504	16	162	8	138
Atlanta, GA	71	252	30	1	54	12	308	9	105
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	167	37	50	-	490	37	90	13	143
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	8	36	32	1	7	23	253	25	99
Detroit, MI	39	-	16	9	47	11	13	13	115
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	3	-	1	-	26	-	169	13	41
Louisville, KY	14	49	15	-	11	4	45	12	43
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	84	279	15	105	110	6	25	1	145
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	92	87	98	2	75	10	111	10	88
San Jose, CA	81	15	15	2	60	5	391	3	122
St. Louis, MO-IL	28	23	3	-	34	4	49	5	40
San Francisco, CA	134	-	25	-	240	21	68	2	144
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	135	3	22	-	313	15	81	2	87
Washington, DC-MD-VA	49	54	15	-	33	5	93	5	202
Houston, TX	40	30	10	-	8	-	255	7	63
Oakland, CA	37	2	7	-	73	19	84	2	266
Orange County, CA	10	1	1	6	11	4	567	1	26
San Diego, CA	34	101	4	3	48	2	153	1	107
Nashville, TN	-	58	2	-	9	-	26	1	53
Dallas, TX	17	27	17	2	18	4	71	2	90
Des Moines, ID	8	4	2	9	5	-	30	10	22
Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT	10	32	1	1	1	1	27	12	53
Milwaukee-Waukesha, MI	38	2	31	99	84	13	12	5	13
Jersey City, NJ	5	-	2	-	2	1	14	-	20
Jacksonville, FL	8	-	1	-	24	11	10	14	33
Fort Lauderdale, FL	4	-	9	-	9	5	2	3	123
Orlando, FL	2	2	1	2	1	-	44	10	36
Utica-Rome, NY	5	-	-	-	23	-	-	1	22
Newark, NJ	33	-	13	-	51	4	7	10	30
Rochester, NY	20	25	5	-	54	-	4	-	18
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	54	-	10	-	136	8	-	9	26
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	6	-	-	-	12	-	4	1	67
Lincoln, NE	13	-	-	-	37	2	122	2	15
Denver, CO	76	7	4	1	54	6	53	2	48
Las Vegas, NV	1	-	3	-	-	-	4	6	46
Tacoma, WA	42	-	13	-	128	-	59	-	10
Kansas City, MO-KS	11	82	2	10	24	2	29	1	53
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	9	3	-	2	-	51	8	38
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	-	27	-	-	-	-	37	7	27
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	58	-	16	-	41	1	1	12	36
Baltimore, MD	30	1	51	-	63	12	9	1	24
Yolo, CA	97	-	23	-	64	32	-	-	37
Spokane, WA	45	-	5	-	77	6	16	1	32
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk-Danbury, CT	3	3	3	-	2	-	11	4	14
Columbus, OH	15	88	7	-	36	12	2	1	27
Other MSA	397	150	123	439	742	74	1,008	175	961
Non-MSA	429	137	205	39	753	49	429	66	463

¹ Ranked by the number of refugees and asylees. See Glossary for definition of metropolitan statistical area. ² Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEARS 1991-2000**

State of residence	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,193	42,852	65,941
Alabama	136	94	118	106	67	95	56	48	38	119
Alaska	72	56	62	47	20	72	28	26	41	23
Arizona	890	608	973	708	628	333	289	106	398	1,517
Arkansas	122	99	150	111	91	96	94	45	2	14
California	45,594	38,261	39,516	29,284	26,104	20,233	23,046	8,309	7,190	9,068
Colorado	1,342	1,114	1,106	1,186	1,296	1,416	1,102	553	408	519
Connecticut	1,767	1,111	1,116	904	956	864	552	169	371	591
Delaware	107	39	47	51	37	59	17	23	12	21
District of Columbia	508	408	355	413	445	506	457	188	5	67
Florida	15,064	14,035	14,344	14,108	14,527	23,535	28,672	14,093	7,214	13,324
Georgia	1,777	1,467	1,765	2,287	2,672	2,645	3,206	769	1,010	1,694
Hawaii	261	245	241	239	240	208	70	8	6	10
Idaho	139	169	146	217	190	387	126	55	270	204
Illinois	5,679	4,411	3,906	4,122	5,060	5,040	3,798	1,471	1,698	3,090
Indiana	433	248	457	463	424	585	410	394	161	213
Iowa	544	445	654	467	733	851	1,020	180	233	929
Kansas	508	691	623	655	473	755	359	136	264	221
Kentucky	84	348	286	267	430	486	394	808	391	1,460
Louisiana	898	938	660	614	376	909	577	219	103	103
Maine	281	141	131	127	135	257	219	80	13	77
Maryland	2,148	2,275	1,497	2,774	2,244	2,136	1,716	935	190	590
Massachusetts	5,289	3,461	4,303	3,824	3,639	3,445	2,496	793	712	1,431
Michigan	2,384	1,916	2,596	2,594	2,979	3,001	1,597	1,250	2,226	1,799
Minnesota	3,027	2,338	2,678	2,989	3,635	3,787	3,210	1,696	839	1,433
Mississippi	80	120	66	75	38	116	130	41	35	19
Missouri	908	692	1,029	1,338	1,303	1,733	1,027	516	1,161	1,262
Montana	131	61	61	42	15	48	19	20	13	16
Nebraska	221	143	663	490	574	362	726	36	65	555
Nevada	464	377	400	297	411	444	572	263	460	410
New Hampshire	189	227	155	144	185	257	236	86	59	156
New Jersey	3,141	2,603	3,188	2,680	2,058	3,665	2,068	826	915	1,535
New Mexico	142	166	215	196	179	282	195	102	100	234
New York	22,105	14,097	16,986	20,846	19,721	24,625	13,638	8,430	9,197	9,192
North Carolina	649	684	887	1,162	863	884	764	422	274	571
North Dakota	42	49	180	311	138	271	281	183	47	144
Ohio	1,375	2,734	2,378	2,254	1,791	1,668	1,362	664	481	903
Oklahoma	204	404	258	419	418	487	133	62	144	145
Oregon	2,624	1,746	2,619	1,935	766	1,813	1,958	760	497	1,157
Pennsylvania	3,953	3,827	3,748	3,313	3,125	2,712	2,261	711	1,564	1,393
Rhode Island	635	488	385	321	287	284	91	71	68	69
South Carolina	130	74	150	120	154	142	173	55	90	50
South Dakota	196	176	213	326	279	200	130	76	39	155
Tennessee	525	668	869	942	1,152	1,030	1,140	331	229	983
Texas	4,911	3,957	4,862	4,576	4,272	6,415	2,749	982	742	1,951
Utah	513	363	441	500	414	650	135	612	606	573
Vermont	139	68	67	70	112	177	183	103	99	139
Virginia	2,403	1,891	1,766	2,258	2,054	2,544	1,914	1,096	495	942
Washington	2,194	5,063	6,018	6,330	4,793	5,271	6,305	2,874	1,310	3,454
West Virginia	31	-	6	3	6	10	2	5	9	3
Wisconsin	2,011	1,302	1,868	1,814	2,052	561	329	418	205	1,174
Wyoming	4	3	1	4	1	4	4	-	-	4
U.S. territories and possessions										
Guam	6	16	1	-	13	14	7	4	1	-
Puerto Rico	97	120	133	109	84	194	114	90	152	232
U.S. Virgin Islands	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	3
Other	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Represents zero.